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# Ivy Interiors seeks to fill a gap

**G**ood quality furniture at affordable prices is the idea behind a new interiors shop which has opened in The Maltings in Sawbridgeworth.

Ivy Interiors is owned and run by Howard Rutty and Tracey Freeman who set up the business to fill a gap in the market between the high street retailers such as Laura Ashley and John Lewis and the cheap flat pack furniture available at the other end of the market.

Tracey said: "For many years I felt disappointed with the lack of good quality furniture at a price that I could justify. I wanted to bridge the gap to offer people like myself the opportunity to purchase superior classical and modern furniture, built to stand the test of time at a price that can be justified."

The shop offers delivery of its furniture items within a reasonable travel distance of The Maltings within the price that you see on the tag, will unwrap or assemble anything as appropriate and take any unwanted packaging



away for you.

Ivy Interiors also stocks a range of soft furnishings and accessories including silk cushions, bedding sets, glass and chinaware with new items arriving regularly.

◆ Ivy Interiors, Unit J, The Maltings, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 9JX. 01279 210015.



# Buy some time and outsource your stress levels

If you are busy, stressed and feel you have no spare time available to organise anything else in your life, then you need a lifestyle manager. Stephanie Adams, who is based in Little Hadham, has just launched the Hertfordshire division of lifestyle management agency Buy:Time, which was set up in London in 2002 and has proved so successful that it is now being rolled out into the Home Counties.

The idea behind it that you can pay an hourly fee to have Buy:Time organise all the things in life that you simply do not have time to do. Basically, you can hand over your To Do list to professionals who will do everything for you. This can include household organisation (getting the decorators in, waiting for an engineer, spring cleaning etc), Christmas planning (gift research and buying, organising social gatherings, typing up the card list), full domestic paperwork services;

general errand running or holiday organisation. Stephanie said: "Stress levels in everyone's lives just seem to go up and up, whether you are a busy professional or a working mum. The brilliant thing about our service is that you can wipe out your to do list with one phone call."

"I know there is a real demand for our service and with Christmas fast approaching we could be the answer to a stress-free festive season."

With Buy:Time you can book an hour as a one-off, which costs £35, or blocks of hours for larger jobs which earn a discounted hourly rate (10 hours are £29 per hour and 20 are £25 an hour, for example). You can even buy gift vouchers for stressed-out family or friends! To contact Stephanie (who is pictured right), you can visit [www.buy-time.co.uk](http://www.buy-time.co.uk) and click on the Hertfordshire link, call her on 07991 751315 or email her at [Stephanie@buy-time.co.uk](mailto:Stephanie@buy-time.co.uk).



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