

WILD TAVERN, LONDON SW3

CASE STUDY

Client

Our initial client for this project was Archer Humphrey Architects. We created a design to a very specific and unique brief. Once this was completed, we were invited to send a quotation to Free Spirit Hospitality Ltd, for manufacture and installation. We ended up working directly with the internationally renowned chef and serial entrepreneur George Bhukov!

Brief

Our brief was to design and build a singularly unique fireplace, which would hide drain pipes and a pillar right in the middle of the restaurant floor space, and provide an absolutely unforgettable first impression for patrons as they entered through the restaurant door.

We were to deliver and install the gas fire unit and carry out the enclosure build around it once it had been fitted. The enclosure design had to meet all of the latest requirements and specifications of Gas Safe, Approved Document J of the Building Regulations and the fire unit manufacturer. Not only that, but almost nothing about this design incorporated an external straight line - it was to be an entirely one-off and organic aesthetic.



Design

Well, where to begin? Not only was it a challenge to draw such a fireplace; but we had to interpret the architect's design intent and reconcile it with the practicalities of what is possible to do with a sheet of metal whilst at the same time incorporate all of the Gas Safe and Building Regulations requirements.

On-Site Construction

Our qualified welder / fabricator / craftsmen attended site over a period of days with the required materials and equipment and proceeded to create the fireplace from the ground up. There's not a great deal more that can be said about this process except that we believe in, and value highly, good old-fashioned craftsmanship, and we think that the result speaks for itself.



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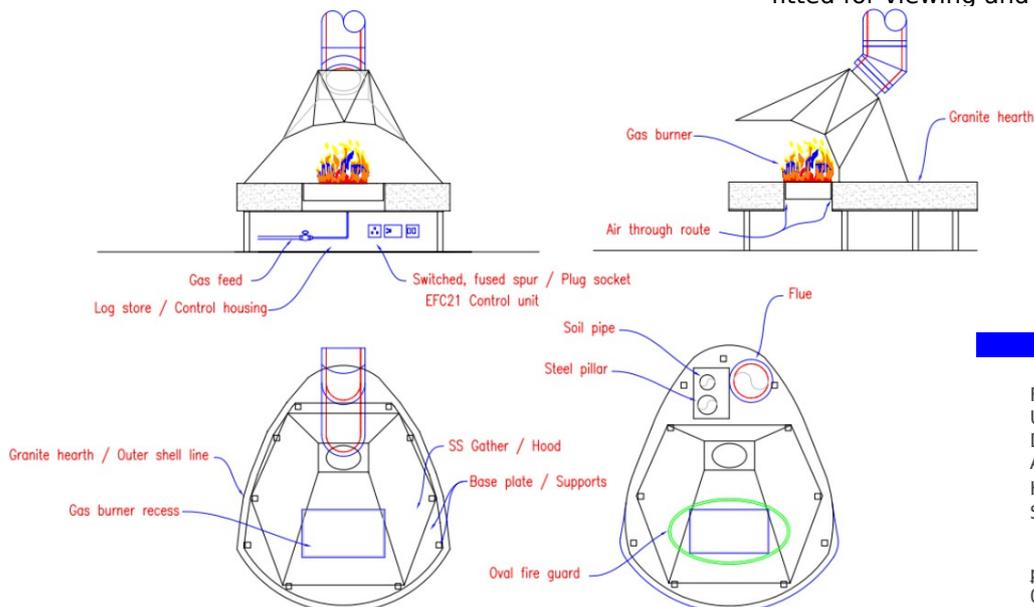
The Finished Product

The architects, interior designers and client were delighted with the final result. Aesthetically, the look of the fireplace fitted perfectly with the surrounding furniture and décor. The project had been delivered seamlessly with full design and administration support from our project management team and constructed on-site by our expert craftspeople and engineers.



Bespoke Fabrication

Our fabricators created an inner canopy and base plate to hold the burner with a recess compartment underneath to provide easy access to controls. They then created a lattice framework to be filled with insulation and a perforated sheet-steel cladding layer to provide a keying surface for the outer wet plaster layer. The flue, soil pipes, cables and steel pillar were thus completely hidden and disguised from view. Hidden access panels were fitted for viewing and maintenance purposes.



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