

Vintage & UPCYCLING - IN CORNWALL -

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Affordable, unique and good for the environment, the upcycling and vintage trend is consistently on the rise, and it's not hard to see why. Cornwall is a creative hub for upcycling old pieces of furniture, transforming driftwood into stunning pieces of furniture or jewellery and finding unique antiques. Madeleine Abbott went on the hunt for the best places for the thrifty to source preloved pieces that will add character and interest to your home and wardrobe.



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01 BEACH LIFE CORNWALL, NEWQUAY

Capturing the essence of the sea, this local business makes unique handmade crafts using from 90-95% raw materials from the sea, recycled by local business or quality reclaims. Beach Life Cornwall was set up by Amanda Westlake in 2012 after redundancy pushed her to start her own business doing something she loved. "I have always enjoyed woodwork but needed to come up with an idea on how to make this hobby into a business. My aim was to produce driftwood products that were affordable to all, as I often heard that people loved driftwood products but found that the prices were too high." From driftwood mirrors, to shell mosaics, driftwood Cornwall maps to photography, there is something for everyone.

Selling online, prices average around £20-£50 on pieces such as mirrors, lamps and clocks. Amanda's pieces are also sold in 'Mermaids Secret' on the Lizard.

www.beachlifecornwall.co.uk

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02 THE GOOSE SHED AT HAWKSFIELD, WADEBRIDGE

Along the Atlantic Highway you will find Hawksfield: an exciting new hot spot with a bespoke food store, art gallery, shops, café and vintage warehouse, Goose Shed. Supplying original vintage interior items, unique designed furniture and reclaimed decorative pieces, Goose Shed is a goldmine for lovers of items from another era. Browse their eclectic hand-picked selection of chairs, tables, lights, mirrors and old movie posters. Creative director Jean-Paul Kuhnzech-Richards, owner of Goose Shed and JPKR Design has over twenty-five years of experience in architecture and interiors, furniture and arts. This background and eye for design is clearly visible in the high quality gems for sale at Goose Shed.

Pay them a visit on site, and afterwards, enjoy a coffee from Strong Adolfos and a stroll around Circle Contemporary Gallery. Alternatively you can see and buy from their collection online.

www.gooseshed.co.uk

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03 JACQUES CABIN, NORTH CORNWALL

Set up earlier this year by Rich Inight, Jacques Cabin is a place offering an interesting and quirky alternative to mass-produced furniture. Each piece is individually designed and hand built by Rich from salvaged scrap timber, in his workshop near Bude. Jane Pollock from Jacques Cabin explained: "Salvaged wood has an inherent character and quality that new timber cannot match. We leave in evidence of the timber's previous use, to show its history and add further appeal and texture to our designs, which has a clear coastal influence."

You can shop online for their current pieces for sale, or request bespoke pieces designed for your home or business.

www.jacquescabin.co.uk