TRETHOWANS

Growth meets heritage in a landmark move

Specification	
Client	Trethowans
Sector	Commercial Office
Size	9,000 sq ft
Service	Design & Build
Duration	12 Weeks
Location	Bournemouth

Following recent acquisition by Lawfront Group, Trethowans' Bournemouth relocation marked more than a change of address. It was an opportunity to create a flagship workplace reflecting the firm's next stage of growth, strengthening the client experience and expressing their brand with more panache and confidence.

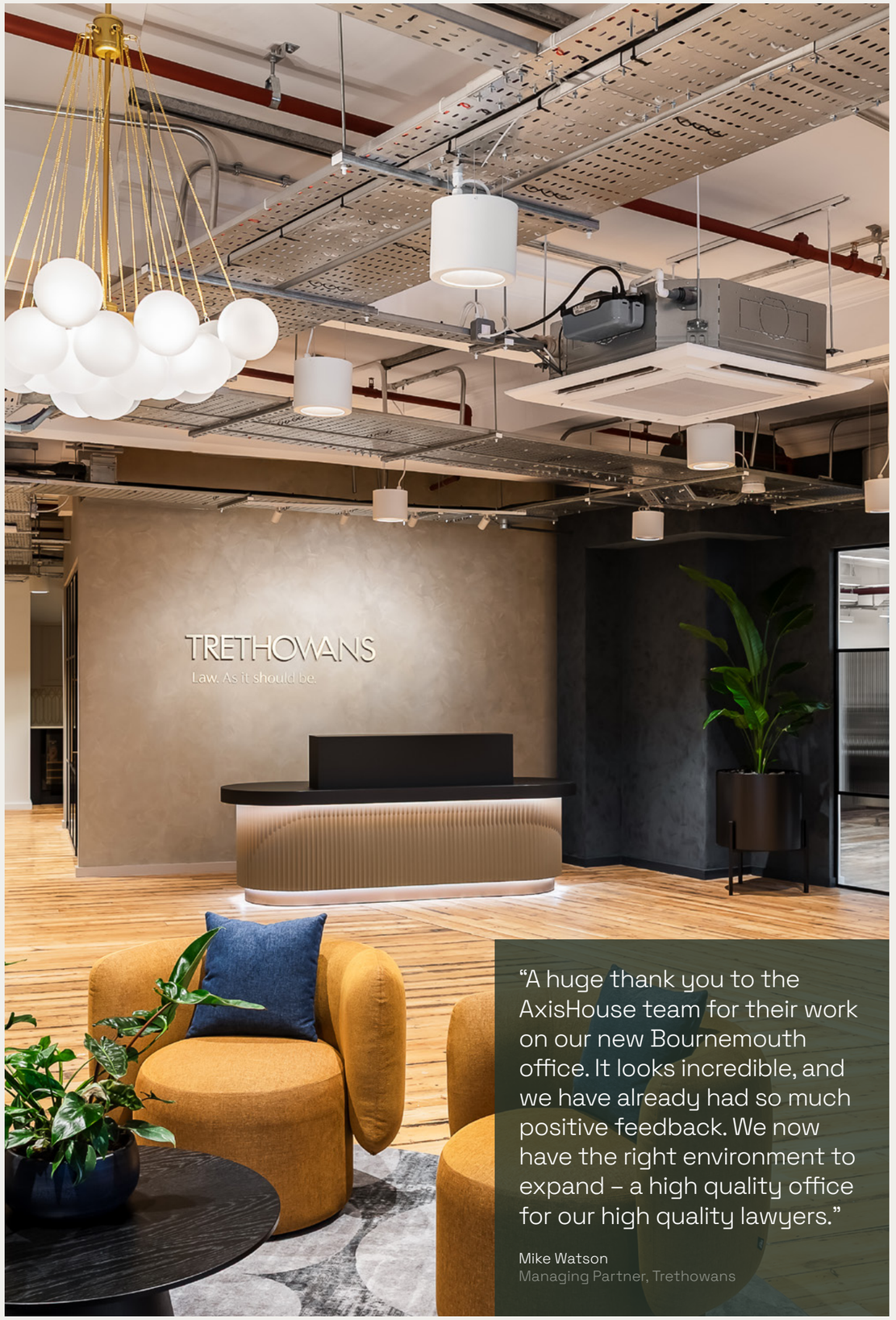
Bobby's historic, Art Deco character provided a clear design opportunity: balancing heritage with progression. The new office needed to respect the building's original character while creating a welcoming environment shaped around the way Trethowans' teams work with clients and each other.

A coherent design language gives the office a clear sense of structure, guiding visitors from a calm, impressive reception into client-facing meeting spaces before opening into a more flexible, collaborative workspace. This progression supports both focused work and interaction.

The architectural heritage has been carefully retained and reinterpreted. Original elements, including timber flooring and arched forms, are paired with contemporary detailing—repeating arch details, fluted glazing, bespoke joinery and integrated acoustic treatments. A considered material palette introduces warmth and depth, balancing professionalism with a more human, welcoming feel.

Beyond the formal work areas, breakout and social spaces are noticeably softer, with a hospitality-inspired vibe. A central hub encourages connection across teams, while varied settings across the office support different ways of working.

The result is a workplace designed not just to accommodate growth, but to enable it—aligning brand, experience and performance within a setting that respects its past and supporting what comes next.



"A huge thank you to the AxisHouse team for their work on our new Bournemouth office. It looks incredible, and we have already had so much positive feedback. We now have the right environment to expand – a high quality office for our high quality lawyers."

Mike Watson
Managing Partner, Trethowans