

## April 2021 Newsletter



## A year on and what a year it has been!

We started 2020 knowing there would be changes ahead, but the changes we had in mind were based around the fact that one of the founders of Seropa, Terry, was retiring, which would leave the other two founders and three employees to take on some extra duties.

This wasn't a problem though, in fact it added some diversity to the working week.

Little did we know that just over two weeks after Terry retired, the company, along with most other companies in the UK, would be thrown into turmoil.

On March 24th, we shut shop for the foreseeable future, not knowing what the future would hold, but after an extensive first lockdown we returned to work as and when little jobs came in.

Unfortunately for the world, but fortunately for us, Covid safety screens were required everywhere, and that was something that we could very easily fabricate, along with wash/sanitiser stations.

Although demand for catering equipment took a bit of a hit, due to most places not being open, some restaurants, schools etc, were able to use the downtime in a positive way and carry out some refurbishment work.

Despite hospitals being under ever increasing pressure, some of them were still in the market to have upgrades/refurbishment work done, which resulted in us fabricating and installing a few pantry kitchens, one of which can be seen in the photo below.



Food processing plants, such as a local, prepared food producer that supplies the major supermarkets and a local producer of branded and unbranded edible oils, were as busy as ever and still required fabrication by us to maintain or update their premises and equipment.

Butchers shops remained open for obvious reasons, and required additions to their equipment. We manufactured a small section of counter that would match up perfectly to a counter that we had supplied to a customer years ago.

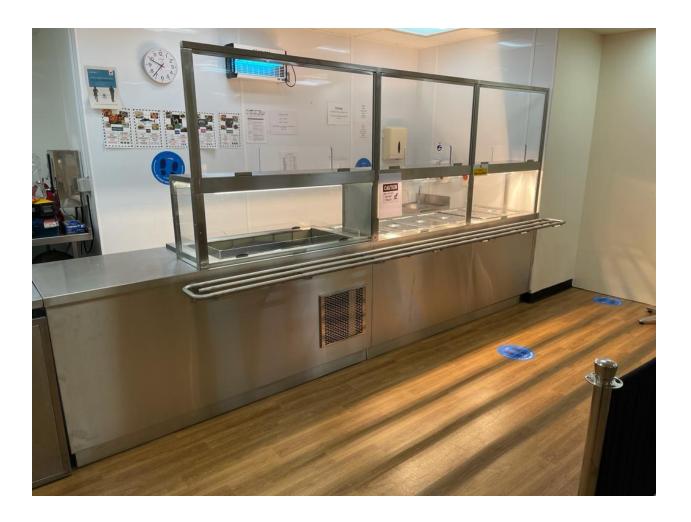
Our butchers counters are always fitted with special fluorescent lights that enhance the colour of the meat on display.



We were commissioned by 'G H Catering Equipment' to fabricate a hot/cold servery counter for a detention centre that required extra measures to be taken to ensure that it kept the staff and detainees as safe as possible.

The counter featured full height screens, with the lower section being toughened glass, that would withstand the temperatures of the equipment, and the upper section being perspex. Extra steps were also taken to ensure all fixings could only be undone by means of specialised tools.

The end result, once installed, can be seen below.



Below is an example of some dishwash tabling, with twin sinks on the entry side of the machine that we recently manufactured. The exit side of the machine had rollers for the baskets to glide smoothly across.



A client of ours, had a client of their own that wanted to take advantage of the nice weather during the summer of 2020, and we were commissioned to fabricate metal planters for his garden that would run the full length of his side fence.

Schools reopening was a good thing for us, as a substantial amount of our business is manufacturing and upgrading their kitchen and servery equipment.

Since our inception in 1999, we have primarily remained a catering equipment manufacturer, but over the years we have branched out and taken on work that is totally unrelated to catering equipment.

For a long time we have worked with local builders, fabricating bits and pieces for them that would be hard to source elsewhere, which is how we came to be given the task to fabricate some aluminium guttering, which they then sprayed black, and the end result once fitted to the house looked outstanding (see below).



So, if you have worked with us for years, or you are one of our new customers that we have gained within the last year, then we thank you for your continued support, and you can rest assured, knowing that we will be around for years to come to serve you and your needs the best we know how.

If this newsletter is the first you have heard of us and we can help you in any way, then please use the contact details below to reach out to us and we will do our best to fulfill your needs. You can also check out our website for more information and photos of examples of our work.

Lastly, be sure to always stay safe, and let's all look forward to the world returning to 100% normality one day.

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