



# ELAINE SKINNER

Up close and personal with the MD of Camellia Interiors

**WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?**

An equine Vet, I still ride and have horses, but I can't treat them!

**WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST FULL TIME JOB?**

A chambermaid in the break from university. I got fired for moving beds around.

**WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKETS?**

Nothing, I hate clutter.

**HOW DO YOU LIKE TO RELAX?**

Riding my horse or having a BIG boozy rose-induced lunch with my daughter Bonnie.

**IF YOU COULD BUILD A HOUSE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE WOULD IT BE?**

A Beach house at Sennan at the whale's tale! Only my children and their friends know where that is!!

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST MOMENT IN YOUR CAREER?**

Starting, running and growing the business with three young children, alone. They gave me the reason to be successful. Then meeting my husband Steve and joining forces while he ran his business Skinners Brewery, we support each other all the time. I have said breakfast meetings at home should be chargeable though!

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE WORST MOMENT IN YOUR CAREER?**

Learning the hard way from one project, but as long as you learn, you grow.

**WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT CORNWALL?**

Living with my husband Steve and Monty my son and being outside as much as possible .

**IF YOU COULD INVITE ANY TWO PEOPLE FOR DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE AND WHY WOULD YOU INVITE THEM?**

Firstly I prefer Lunch - it gives you the evening to recover, so for lunch with my husband and my closest friends Sally and Crispin, my time is precious and with the four of us its always memorable, and memories are everything to me.

**IF YOU COULD BE GOD FOR A DAY, WHAT MIRACLE WOULD YOU PERFORM?**

To allow my husband to be a time traveller - he has always wanted to be able to, just as long as I can go with him.

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS' TIME?**

My children Harvey and Bonnie are at university and Monty will fly the nest in a couple of years. I am immensely proud of them and want to ensure I can spend time with them as they grow into themselves, I will still be designing but more as a consultant and a little less hours, getting to ride my horses more often and of course, long lunches. 🍷

