

THE YARD

The Yard is a street food-influenced restaurant and 'foodie heaven', based in the city of Ely, Cambridgeshire. The venue is the latest brilliant offering from the owners behind the much-loved Silver Oak Coffee.

Spread across five shipping containers, The Yard features both indoor and outdoor seating, a children's play area, bar and restaurant. The vision was to create an exciting and vibrant space that both serves the existing community, but also helps to attract visitors to the historic city.

This new addition to the Ely landscape has been well-received by the locals & tourists alike. Every day there is a bubbling of activity, whether it's parents grabbing a coffee while their child has a space to play, local community groups popping by for a spot of lunch, or friends joining forces to compete in the weekly quiz nights.

No matter rain or shine, this multi-functional space has a little of something for everyone, designed carefully with all age ranges considered and their needs understood. The space is not only functional, it truly engages with the end user.













The completed scheme is a colourful and relaxing space that oozes energy and life. It is a space for families to relax and enjoy food together, for friends to meet and socialise under the dramatic canopy, and for dog walkers to call in for a morning pastry and coffee - with an emphasis placed on shared space and community.

The individual shipping containers are all unique and designed bespoke for the client, and later painted by hand, highlighting the existing material with a fun new twist. The canopy features a custom construction made to fit perfectly on-site, and bring all five containers into one vibrant space.

Reusing shipping containers was a conscious sustainable choice - the concept of these having a previous life, and being used again for a different purpose creates a wholesome narrative to connect the space and its community. The additional benefit of using containers is that they require far fewer raw materials to be converted into functional spaces.















