

Smile makeovers

Having a smile makeover doesn't always mean drastic and expensive treatment like you see on TV makeover programmes. Quite often just working on a few teeth can make a big difference to your smile, as one of our patients found out recently.

This patient was not happy with the appearance of her smile and decided that it was time to do something about it.



Before



After

We held an initial consultation before any treatment began. During this we discussed what exactly she didn't like, what she was hoping we would be able to achieve for her and the range of options available.

The treatment involved removing a tooth and having two fixed bridges fitted. The crowns we used were Lava™ crowns, which use state-of-the-art materials to provide a strong and realistic restoration.

Our patient is delighted with her new-look smile, and adds: "You and your staff have provided me with a service that not only met my dental care needs but also provided me with the level of care and comfort that comes from an excellent level of service."

To find out more about how we can help to enhance your smile, please ask next time you visit, or arrange a consultation with us.

Visit our website

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our new website, please go online and visit www.bluecourtdental.com.

You will find this packed full of lots of information about the practice, our team and the range of treatments that we offer.

We have included a selection of patient testimonials that you may like to read and if you have any questions or feedback you can contact us via the site as well.



New patients welcome

We are always happy to see new patients and we especially enjoy welcoming those that come as referrals from our existing patients.

If you have any friends or relatives that could be interested in joining the practice please pass on our details. You may also like to ask them to visit www.bluecourtdental.com to find out more about us.

We rely on your referrals to ensure that we can continue to invest in the practice to allow us to offer our patients the highest quality of dentistry. Thank you for your support.

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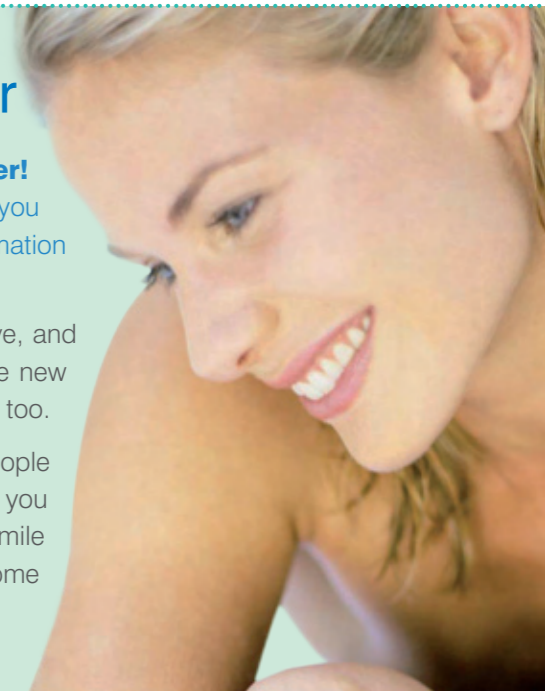
Newsletter makeover

Welcome to our new-look newsletter!

Our new design enables us to provide you with lots of oral health and dental information in easy-to-digest snippets.

We think it looks fresher and more attractive, and with shorter articles, bigger photos and the new smaller size, it is much more reader-friendly too.

In this issue we reveal why only one in five people in the UK are happy with their smile, show you a real life example of one of our excellent smile enhancing treatments and offer you some advice about avoiding fillings.



Spread the cost

One of the stumbling blocks when deciding whether to have some of our more advanced treatments carried out can be the cost, or simply the ability to pay for it all in one go. The good news is that we offer an interest-free payment plan, enabling you to spread the cost of treatment over time. If you would like more details please ask at reception. That enhanced smile could be closer than you think!



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Modern dentistry for healthy teeth...

Dentistry is constantly changing and improving. New techniques are discovered, new materials created, and new equipment designed, all with one aim in mind – to make dental treatment more comfortable and more effective for patients.

Cosmetic dentistry in particular is seeing huge advances – enhancements these days are more natural-looking than ever before, and dental implants, which replace missing teeth, are often hailed as the biggest dental breakthrough in the last 20 years.

To make sure we make the most of these improvements and pass on the benefits to our patients, we invest a lot of time and money in keeping our dentists and the rest of our team fully up-to-date.

To continue to practice in this country, every dentist in the UK has to complete a minimum number of hours of ongoing professional development each year, which is monitored by the General Dental Council.

We see these training requirements as very much the minimum standard, and in fact devote far more time to our development. We want to provide all our patients with the very best that dentistry has to offer, and this training, combined with continuous investment in modern equipment, helps us to achieve this goal.

It also helps to boost our enthusiasm in dentistry, keeping our minds open and encouraging us to continue finding more ways of helping our patients to have happy, healthy smiles and to view visiting us as a positive experience.

Fancy that!



The ancient Chinese wrapped tiny pieces of parchment around painful teeth. Each piece contained written prayers and incantations.



Four out of five people in the UK are unhappy with the way they smile, and 20% of us are so unhappy that we hide our teeth when being photographed.

A new survey, carried out by the British Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, shows that while there is a strong interest in cosmetic dentistry, people are often held back because they are not aware of the treatments that are available, or fear they might be too expensive.

Are you happy with your smile?

In fact, many patients are pleasantly surprised at how easy and affordable smile enhancements can be.

Tooth whitening and tooth-coloured fillings are the most popular treatments, and can make a huge difference for a relatively small investment.

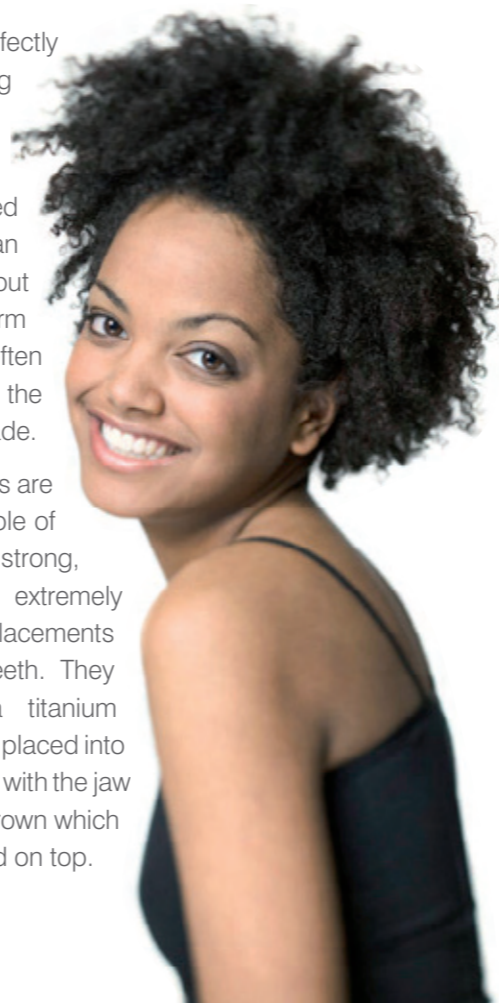
Bonding can disguise many small imperfections including chips, cracks and gaps, and is painless and inexpensive.

Today's modern materials mean that crowns and replacements for missing teeth are no longer flat in colour with metal edges where they meet the gum – instead they are extremely natural in look

and feel, perfectly complementing your other teeth.

More advanced treatments can cost more, but the long-term benefits are often well worth the investment made.

Dental implants are a prime example of this. They are strong, lasting and extremely realistic replacements for missing teeth. They consist of a titanium fixture which is placed into and then fuses with the jaw bone, and a crown which is later secured on top.



Avoiding fillings



Dental decay is one of the most common oral health problems, and the reason why patients need fillings.

It occurs when the bacteria in our mouths feed on sugars within our food and drink, and produce acid. These acids gradually dissolve the enamel – the hard protective coating on our teeth. This leads to a hole, or cavity, which if left untreated spreads further into the

centre of your tooth, causing sensitivity and later toothache.

The best way of avoiding decay is to eat only at main meal-times, and to drink only water between meals. This, together with regular check-ups and a good daily oral healthcare routine, will give you a far better chance of having healthy, filling-free teeth.



Suffering from cold sores!

If you suffer from cold sores, you might be able to avoid them by taking a few simple steps. The virus which causes them lies dormant until it is reactivated – common reasons for this include tiredness, illness, stress, being run-down, hormonal changes and bright sunlight. Identifying the trigger that you have a better chance of warding them off.