

MY DAD'S SHOP

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The focus of this piece is a shop owned by my Dad.
It used to be a cobbler's but is now an antique shop.
This is how it went from a wreck to the building it is now.



The building was a cobbler's for four generations before my Dad bought it and when he did the owner didn't clear it out and we found...

Old Machinery

Old Posters



Old Shoes



When my Dad bought it, it was in a terrible state of repair, and a badly built structure too with dirt and paper stuffed in the walls.

This is what it looked like before building began.





This was a very difficult and dangerous part because they didn't just refurbish it they had to completely rebuild it because of the bad materials there already.

These are some of the materials used to rebuild it; Limestone, limestone stills (reclaimed), lime render (plaster), natural slate, wrought iron gutter and drainpipe, reclaimed parquet flooring and the window on the roof was going to be thrown in a skip.



A man named Paddy Courtney was born in the building in 1954 and came by to visit one time, with his dog.



The inside had to be done as well and these are some pictures of what it looks like now.



Finally, this what it was like when it was being built and what it's like now.



That's the story of how Blackrock got it's first art and antique shop.