

## Charles III The King and the countryside



Order of merit: the real meaning of medals  
Shire horses, starlings and A Shropshire Lad



### Interiors



#### ▲ Reading choice

With its adjustable arm, the Billy Baldwin standard lamp in Antiqued Brass, £1,848, is ideal for placing beside a favourite armchair, from Sibyl Colefax & John Fowler (020-7493 2231; [www.sibylcofax.com](http://www.sibylcofax.com))



#### ◀ Hand carved

The Large Carved lamp base, £245, is hand crafted in Northern India in sustainable mango wood, shown with a Moonflower linen 16in framed shade, £89, from Susie Watson Designs (0344 980 8185; [www.susiewatsondesigns.co.uk](http://www.susiewatsondesigns.co.uk))



#### ◀ Beauty in utility

The Brass Coolie pendant, large, £690, is a simple design, elevated by its spun, polished and lacquered finish, from Hector Finch (020-7731 8886; [www.hectorfinch.com](http://www.hectorfinch.com))



#### ◀ Statement piece

The Havisham lamp, large, is cast in jesmonite to resemble hardened plaster, and available with a 15in Bongo Natural Linen shade, £1,415, from Porta Romana (01420 23005; [www.portaromana.com](http://www.portaromana.com))



#### ▲ Antique find

Westland London offers an impressive collection of antique candelabras, candlesticks and lamps, currently including this large gilt-bronze vase table lamp, one of a pair, £1,440 excluding shades, dating from about 1900 and taking the form of the Townley Vase, now in the British Museum and named after the English collector Charles Townley, who purchased the 2nd century vase after its discovery in 1773 (020-7739 8094; [www.westlandlondon.com](http://www.westlandlondon.com))



#### ◀ Shaded beauty

Pooky offers a decorative selection of hand-painted shades, including (from left) Jet Stripes, Gold Scallops, Classic Green Ripples, Hot Pink Stripes, Tangerine Ripples and Jet Scallops, from £45 each (020-7351 3003; [www.pooky.com](http://www.pooky.com))