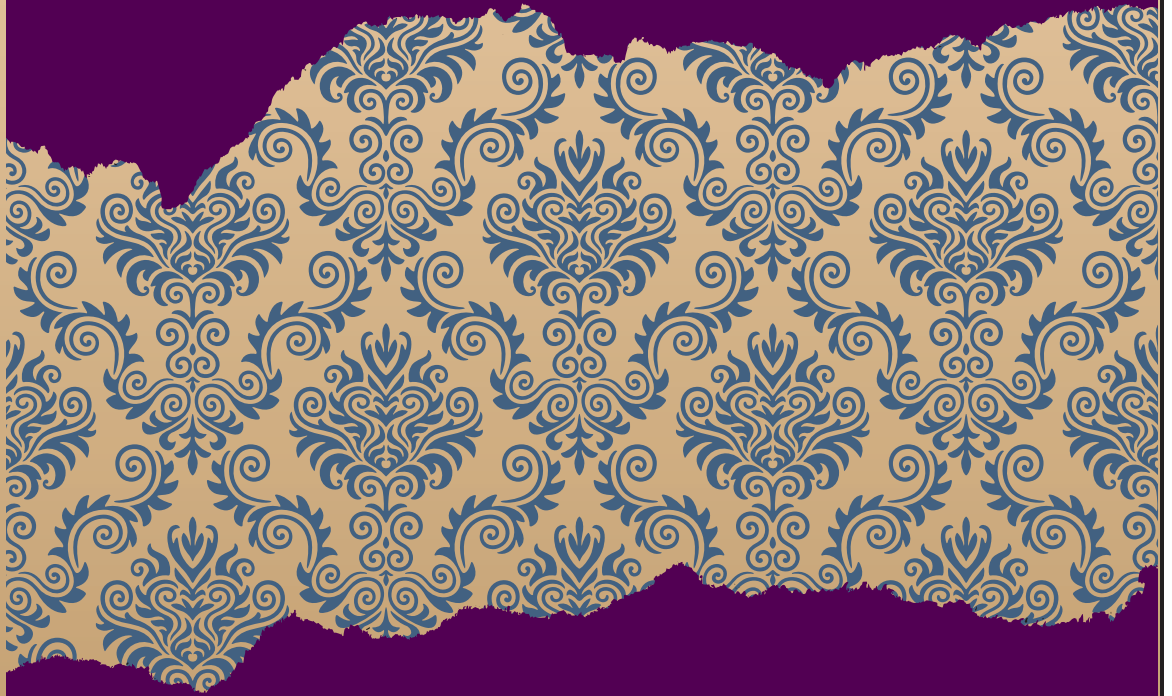


LAURA ASHLEY

**Nothing Stylish in the
Way They are Treating
Loyal Workers and Customers**



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Laura Ashley closes its doors on Grafton St, leaving 22 loyal workers out in the cold!

- 22 workers in Laura Ashley in Grafton Street were informed on 24th September that their roles were at risk due to the company's intention to shut its doors within less than a month.
- Despite the loyalty of their workforce, the highly profitable company offered merely a Statutory Redundancy to workers with more than ten years service.
- Workers interested in remaining in employment with the company would be required to interview for similar positions in other Laura Ashley outlets.
- Laura Ashley has refused the reasonable request from the workers' representatives, Mandate Trade Union, to avail of the services of the Labour Relations Commission in resolving this unfortunate and entirely avoidable dispute.
- The unilateral and ungenerous nature of the company's actions has greatly disappointed Laura Ashley's loyal and dedicated workforce on the Grafton St. premises.
- The company's actions come on the back of bumper pre-tax profits of £10.5million for the 26 weeks to end July, 2010.

The workers on strike wish to sincerely thank all consumers for respecting our rights by not crossing the picket line and for your generous support in our struggle for fairness.



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