

# SIMPLY TIMELESS

Chris and Joyce wanted the design of their kitchen and bathrooms to last a lifetime but had to consider Joyce's health issue in the process. A designer helped them to achieve their goals

## *The owners*

Chris Tarrant and his wife Joyce who are both retired, live in this new-build house in the New Forest National Park



Situated on a quiet country lane in the New Forest National Park, with views over a wooded valley is the home of Chris Tarrant and his wife Joyce. As a new-build property it was a stimulating challenge for the couple who had retired six years previously, to put their own stamp on it. They decided to focus on the kitchen and bathrooms.

They wanted the kitchen to be larger and better equipped and for it to be part of a large multifunctional day room to be used by the couple when entertaining their three children and five grandchildren. They called in Hamish McGregor, director at Raynsford Furniture Ltd to design and

make the bespoke hand-made kitchen. The couple knew the style of kitchen they desired. Chris says, "We wanted a modern interpretation of the Shaker style – which we consider to be timeless. Hopefully we will still be pleased with the design in ten years time."

Joyce has rheumatoid arthritis which posed a challenge for Hamish as the design had to be inclusive – ensuring any requirement for lifting anything is minimised and to make sure access is as efficient as possible. The tall Bowman units aid this as one has been used as an appliance 'garage' for smaller appliances such as the mixer, while drawers ●●●



## ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"Planning the kitchen layout at a very early stage in designing a new home is crucial; in particular the lighting, ducting, and even window sill height should be thought through carefully." Hamish McGregor director, Raynsford Furniture



## BATHROOM ONE



rather than doors have been predominately used – as they are easier for Joyce to access. Hamish says, “You must consider a predominance of drawers for clients with mobility issues, also bow handles reduce the sense of linearity and minimises the risk of snagging clothes as you walk by.”

Chris and Joyce wanted to avoid repeated rows of downlights so they called in lighting specialist Joe Burke to design a lighting feature. He used RGB LED strips concealed within two rectangular troughs, one of which is over the island, the other over the dining area. Each set of lights can be a different colour – Chris and Joyce’s favourite at the moment is in the pink and purple spectrum. The colour of the walls was carefully chosen as Chris explains, “The light grey colour on the walls was selected scientifically to be exactly half

way between the red and blue spectrum and opposite the green to counter-act the green colour spike effect emitted by low energy lighting.” The lighting adds a really modern edge to the classic design that the couple desired.

Chris and Joyce tackled the design of the two bathrooms themselves. They wanted each to have a distinctive character. In bathroom one they wanted a contemporary look with timeless elegance.

As it is a spacious room they created a wetroom and also put a large freestanding bath underneath the window. This way they have the best of both worlds. They decided to have a bespoke vanity unit made with a granite top; this unit is wall-hung along with the WC and bidet making cleaning easier. ●●●



## BATHROOM TWO



Bathroom two in comparison is a 'his and hers' bathroom, with access from the second bedroom and landing. The main feature is the tactile tiled slate wall – four angled downlights illuminate its colour and texture adding drama. There is a curved shower making the best use of the space and freestanding bath. As with bathroom one a bespoke vanity unit has been made.

Overall the three rooms really reflect what Chris and Joyce wanted for their home. The kitchen and bathrooms tick all the right boxes – and due to the timeless design it is a home they will enjoy for many years to come. ●

### Details

#### Kitchen

Bespoke kitchen and Bowman units hand-painted in Johnstone Helion Eggshell paint with Antique Brown granite worktops designed by Hamish McGregor director, Raynsford Furniture  
**01725 519 457 [www.raynsfordfurniture.co.uk](http://www.raynsfordfurniture.co.uk)**

Lighting by Joe Burke  
**0797 066 1342 [www.joeburkelightingdesign.co.uk](http://www.joeburkelightingdesign.co.uk)**

Caple DD600BK downdraft extractor  
**0117 938 1900 [www.caple.co.uk](http://www.caple.co.uk)**

Neff B46e74n0gb single oven, C47C62N0GB combi steam oven, T45D40X1 induction hob, N22H40N0GB warming drawer  
**0844 892 8926 [www.neff.co.uk](http://www.neff.co.uk)**

Minoli Alaska polished floor  
**01865 778 225 [www.minoli.co.uk](http://www.minoli.co.uk)**

Morley Glass & Glazing Microblinds in cream integrated in the glazing  
**0113 277 8722 [www.morleyglass.co.uk](http://www.morleyglass.co.uk)**

#### Bathroom one

Contract Kitchens bespoke vanity unit with brown granite top  
**01425 614 807 [www.kitchenandbedroomshowroom.com](http://www.kitchenandbedroomshowroom.com)**

Duravit Starck 3 WC and bidet  
**0845 500 7787 [www.duravit.co.uk](http://www.duravit.co.uk)**

Frattini bath taps  
**+39 032 296 127 [www.frattini.it](http://www.frattini.it)**

Vado sink taps  
**01934 744 466 [www.vado-uk.com](http://www.vado-uk.com)**

Aqualisa Hi-Qu shower  
**01959 560 000 [www.aqualisa.co.uk](http://www.aqualisa.co.uk)**

Impey Showers Aqua-Dec tray formers  
**01460 256 080 [www.impey-uk.com](http://www.impey-uk.com)**

Geberit WC frames and flush plate  
**01926 516 800 [www.geberit.co.uk](http://www.geberit.co.uk)**

Zehnder Radiators Keel asymmetrical towel rail  
**01252 531 207 [www.zehnder.co.uk](http://www.zehnder.co.uk)**

Antonio Lupi Ovo countertop basin  
**+39 057 158 6881 [www.antoniolupi.it](http://www.antoniolupi.it)**

Svedbergs bath  
**0808 234 2493 [www.svedbergs.com](http://www.svedbergs.com)**

#### Bathroom two

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**01425 614 807 [www.kitchenandbedroomshowroom.com](http://www.kitchenandbedroomshowroom.com)**

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**01926 516 800 [www.geberit.co.uk](http://www.geberit.co.uk)**

Merlyn 10 shower enclosure with Merlyte tray  
**0808 101 1429 [www.merlynshowering.com](http://www.merlynshowering.com)**

JIS towel rail  
**01444 831 200 [www.jiseurope.co.uk](http://www.jiseurope.co.uk)**

Victoria & Albert Ravello bath  
**01952 221 100 [www.vandabaths.com](http://www.vandabaths.com)**

DTW Ceramics dark slate tiles  
**023 9279 9007 [www.tiles-ceramic.co.uk](http://www.tiles-ceramic.co.uk)**

