

## Cardy Testimonial

After thirty years of living here, and after two years of discussion between husband and wife about how to improve our house to make it more open and to give us more of a feeling of space, we were getting nowhere! We decided to ask for help. We contacted Richard Cardy and had a thorough and pleasant initial design meeting which encouraged us to go further.

In meetings with Richard and Duschka, ideas were clarified, materials were discussed and a general approach was settled on. They helped us to order our priorities and to look at the architectural essentials of the problem. The constraints of existing beams meant that space was at a premium, and it was difficult to see what the effect of different alternatives would be. Computer-aided designs meant that we could visualise and select what we would do, with much more confidence and certainty.

Once initial decisions about materials had been made, Richard and Duschka sought out samples, suppliers and prices of different oaks for stairs, flooring and shelving, and provided helpful 'testers' of different finishes and sealants. Duschka prepared detailed and pleasing designs for newel posts and caps, and for shelving that were in keeping with the period feel of the building. Throughout, we felt we were making informed choices.

When it came to selecting tradesmen, we were grateful for the organisation and advice offered by Richard and Duschka. Thanks to them, the tradesmen were given clear and informative briefs and could prepare useful quotations. We were pleased with the builders whom we eventually chose, with Richard's help.

We are grateful to Richard and Duschka, because now that the project is completed, we feel we have arrived at a solution which works well. The process was painstaking and supportive, offering detailed and balanced views of the design possibilities. The advice has led to a choice of sympathetic materials that blend well with the existing woodwork and which make the whole house feel lighter, more comfortable and more attractive. AND we thoroughly enjoyed the discussions and conversations!

(Our Clients have stated that in the event you would like to discuss our involvement in this project and to provide a direct reference they will be more than happy to do so.

Please contact us in the first instance with your contact details which we will pass on to our Clients, for them to contact you at a mutually convenient time.

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