



Case Study – St Laurent de Cuve, Normandy, France

Situated in the pretty “bocage” country side of south west Normandy, In the typical style of farm houses consisted of one living area with huge granite fireplace, all the remaining space was animal stables and hay storage. The two thirds barn section of the dwelling occupied a deceiving amount of space, therefore from the mud floor to the roof ridge; there was sufficient height to plan three floor levels, including a new second floor double bedroom above the original first floor living room.

Scheme Design -The original floor space of 900 sq ft, was increased to 2,700 sq ft of new living space, which accommodated 6 bed rooms, shower/WC, bath/WC, open plan kitchen diner, and lounge and entrance hall. The final conversion included two extra floor levels. The exg features of main oak beams and internal stone walls were refurbished. The new doors and windows were custom made by local craftsmen in oak and chestnut.

Scope of Work - Detailed photo & building survey, full set of drawings and details, with French annotation. Set up contracts for water, electricity and gas utility contracts. Arrangement of site meetings with pre-selected local artisans to discuss and agree cost & programme.

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