

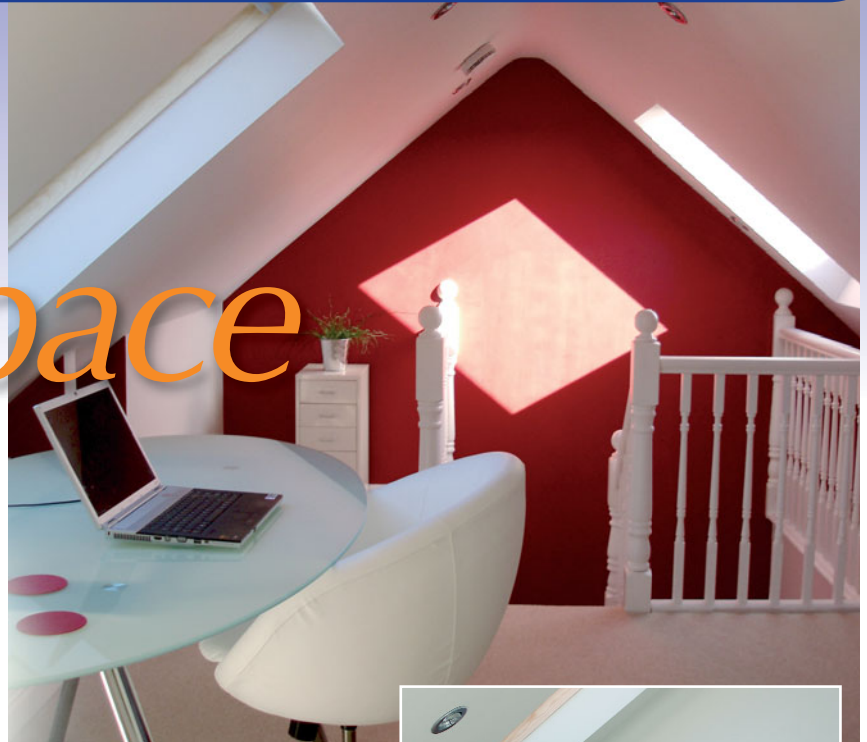


Lofty Ideas

With Craig Wilkinson, of Re-style Loft Conversions Ltd. www.restyleloft.co.uk

LOFTS more space

Karen and Matt Wilson asked Re-Style Loft Conversions to transform their modern home's loft into a super workspace with a separate bedroom.



Re-Style Loft Conversions don't only work on the lofts of older homes. They also transform modern properties, as they did for Karen and Matt Wilson, who wanted to extend their four bedroomed detached house in Swallownest.

Karen and Matt moved into the house when it was built in 2001. They have since had two daughters: Olivia, 4, and Megan, 18 months.

Karen works from home running her own business, 'Relaxing Alternatives', which specialises in advising employers on employee wellbeing, and evolving strategies to reduce absenteeism.

The Wilsons needed more space, but did not want to move - so they looked upwards to extend their home.

Karen called Re-Style Loft Conversions to transform her empty loft space into a guest bedroom and separate office.

Says Karen: "We did get another quote for the work, but preferred Re-Style because they seemed very honest and genuine. Also, they could organise every part of the job. We had confidence in their knowledge and attention to detail."

Re-Style offer a complete design service. Their in-house architect and structural engineer

worked to the Wilsons' requirements and designed a unique steel-beam structure to support both the roof and the ceilings below the loft. This meant the roof did not need replacing, which saved a great deal of expense. Besides fitting steel beams, new joists and floorboards, Re-style installed a new staircase and four Velux windows that give lovely views over the Rother Valley.

Alcoves were carved into the eaves to act as bookcases in the study space, and storage area in the bedroom.

Re-style erected wall partitions and did all the plastering and electrical work. The project was completed on schedule in six weeks.

"Re-Style did everything apart from the decorating," says Karen. "They were fantastic; very clean, tidy - vacuuming-up every night before they left. They were also very considerate of our children, and even made me cups of coffee. The workmen were great guys, and the conversion looks brilliant. We are very happy with it."

Re-Style Loft Conversions deal with all necessary planning permissions and building regulations. The company's qualified joiners, plasterers, electricians and plumbers ensure that every loft conversion is completed to the highest standards.



Karen in the separate guest bedroom with Olivia and Megan



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