

Kitchen Refurbishment Summary

Key points

1. Work starts on 30th November and will be completed in 3 weeks, so visitors in 2016 will be greeted by a lovely new modern kitchen.
2. The work will cost only marginally more than the original quotation that Trevor presented in 2012.
3. On detailed examination of the existing kitchen
 - a. The base carcasses were in a poorer condition than had been thought.
 - b. The wall units were bowing with the weight of cups & plates and only fixed by 4 screws !
 - c. The floor tiles were showing signs of cracks and damage from items being dropped.
 - d. The wall tiles were cracked in places.
 - e. Some areas of the wall tiles were hardly adhering to the wall.
4. The original concept was to have doors custom made to fit the wall cupboards, because they were now non-standard sizes.
5. Only one carcass was to be replaced, under the sink, with space then made for the dishwasher.
6. The existing tiles would remain.
7. The floor would be over-tiled, leaving a (small) ledge at the kitchen entrance.
8. In discussion with the kitchen fitters it was apparent that there was a labour cost involved in working round the existing tiles above, around and under the existing carcasses.
9. We had the job re-quoted on the basis of ...
 - a. All new carcasses
 - b. All new full-sized wall cupboards
 - c. Removing the wall tiles and plastering, with a splash back as in a modern kitchen
 - d. Removing the floor tiles and tiling level with the current living room, using hard wearing tiles.
 - e. At the fitter's suggestion, they also added some extra power points and a couple of kitchen unit lights.
10. In the end, mostly because of the shift in exchange rate, the final quotation came in at less than £900 more than we had budgeted originally.
11. We secured the exchange rate by moving funds to Spain at that rate straight away.
12. There are sufficient reserves to cover the full costs without asking for more cash from members.
13. On that basis we went ahead and commissioned the work, and David & Richard have agreed to oversee the workmen during the project.

Note – thanks to Trevor for all of his work in getting the project off the ground and selecting a good kitchen installation company, and choosing a nice modern look for the kitchen.