

Case study: South Downs Cottage

Loft conversion

South Downs England

Rapid turnaround for loft conversion staircase

Tunmore Design and Build was tasked with extending a semidetached cottage, which needed a new timber staircase within a short timescale and at a reasonable cost.

Based in West Sussex, Tunmore Design and Build is a family business run by husband and wife team Terry and Debbie Tunmore.

The company provides building services for both domestic and commercial clients, delivering a wide variety of projects from renovations and extensions through to listed building works and new homes.

Tunmore Design and Build was tasked with extending a semidetached cottage surrounded by rolling countryside in heart of the South Downs National

Park. The typical farmworker cottage was improved with a spacious rear garden room and a loft conversion to bring additional light and space into the property.

Fast delivery takes the headache out of the wait

Tunmore Design and Build needed a timber staircase manufacturer

who could deliver the stairs within a short timeline and at a reasonable cost.

"Normally we use a local joiner," explains Terry Tunmore from Tunmore Design and Build, "but our usual supplier was working to an eight-week lead time. We spoke to our builders' merchants Travis Perkins and they recommended

> TwoTwenty. Using advanced technology, TwoTwenty is able to manufacture staircases within a short timescale and at lower cost."

Once the final plans were agreed with the builder, TwoTwenty

manufactured and delivered the stairs to site within just two weeks.

Clever stair design maximises loft room space

Space in the loft area was very restricted and the builder had limited options to fit the new staircase. TwoTwenty visited the cottage to measure for the stairs





Thanks to TwoTwenty's clever staircase design, the loft room gained an additional 60cm of critical space.

Terry Tunmore Tunmore Design and Build and provided expert advice on the design and space considerations.

"We worked together very closely with Jason at TwoTwenty," says Terry. "Initially the project was looking unviable as the space in the loft was very tight and the resulting room would be too small to use. However, Jason was able to design a minimum size staircase, to maximise the space in the room. Our client was delighted with the resulting space."

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With TwoTwenty's clever staircase design, the loft room gained an additional 60cm of critical space. In addition, TwoTwenty created a bespoke square balustrade and pyramid-topped newel posts to complement the original design features within the property.

Trust and confidence in quality and service

"Jason was very confident in his approach and I knew I could trust TwoTwenty to deliver a high-quality staircase on time," says Terry. "It's always good to try new suppliers, and when it works out better than before, that's a real plus."

Even though TwoTwenty is not a local company, Tunmore Design and Build had complete confidence that the team would do a good job, so the distance was no problem.

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Project key facts

- Contractor: Tunmore
 Design and Build
- Cottage loft conversion
- South Downs National Park
- Clever design to maximise space
- Bespoke design features
- Rapid delivery



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