

Bernard Dickinson - turns Victorian house into luxury hi-tech home.



Bernard Dickinson, the North West's leading Bang & Olufsen dealer, has used its in-depth knowledge of connectivity to turn another outstanding period property into a haven of modern sound and vision.

'The Oaks' is a large, detached Victorian property located in Merseyside. When it was first

built, over one hundred years ago, it provided a family of the age with generous accommodation, in surroundings that reflected their affluent taste and style.

The current owner-occupiers, whilst enjoying the house, were aware that it fell far short of offering them and their young family the type of living space that their lifestyle needed now and in the future. The sheer quality of the build and its excellent location left them with little doubt about huge potential of the property. They decided to set about a refurbishment that would not only return it to its former glory but would also propel it into the twenty first century, providing it with every facility for luxury modern living.

As part of a significant investment, Bernard Dickinson was commissioned to design and install a whole house entertainment system. From the outset the company worked closely with the interior designer and developer on the two-stage re-development project.

During the first stage the house was extended to include a swimming pool plus wet room and two additional bathrooms. The second stage saw a cube added with a games room incorporated above the garage area.

John Dickinson designed the connectivity system and oversaw the installation, which was undertaken by his skilled team.

John takes up the story: 'we were given an open brief, which is always wonderful. Our clients wanted the best so Bang & Olufsen was the perfect choice. The object of the exercise was to turn a house into a multi-functional home. Only by creating living space that could adapt to all the diverse uses, tastes, ages and demands of a young growing family, would our clients' goal be achieved.

We utilised Bang & Olufsen's Beolink system to create an audiovisual system around the whole property. We also designed and installed a dedicated, home cinema with an 80-inch screen.

Within the cube, as part of the second stage, we built a 65-inch B&O screen, directly into the wall.

Another aspect of our brief was to help integrate various aspects of lighting control within certain areas of the home, to allow single remote operation at each source.

The whole project was undertaken within an eighteen-month time frame.

The final house is a fantastic example of how best to combine the craftsmanship, proportions and style of the Victorian era with the latest materials, innovation and flair of our time. It's a marriage of art and science that has made 'The Oaks' a very special, modern family home'.

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