



Period living

Brynglas is a 19th-century detached stone cottage overlooking the river Towy, on the edge of the wild Cambrian Mountains. “We inherited a dark, damp cottage which had stood empty for many years, but we could see how special the property and its peaceful location were, so we set about arranging the finances to renovate on a budget of £40,000,” says Frederieke van Ellen.

The flooring and rotten windows and doors were replaced, the dark interior woodwork was painted a light colour and a new kitchen and bathroom were installed, with rooflights added upstairs.

“We also replaced the heating and hot water system, adding a new woodburner,” continues Frederieke. “In our work as architects (www.vesp.uk), we normally design much more modern spaces and specify mid-century furniture rather than antiques, so we loved the challenge.”

The cottage is available for holiday rental at: www.brynglascottage.com



“Our aim was to refresh and modernise the cottage on a shoestring budget without losing its period charm.”

FREDERIEKE VAN ELLEN, VESP ARCHITECTS