



Since Covid the rapid rise in steel and other material costs has seen a big boost in requirements for totally or partially re-fitting older, quality narrowboats.

This typically ranges from a galley or bathroom re-fit through to a complete strip out of the interior that upon re-fitting may include spray foaming for better insulation and also re-wiring and plumbing.

Here are some case studies of this type of work:

## Vitre



Vitre, a 58' Les Allen narrowboat built in 1986 was re-fitted in 2016. A key challenge here was that the owners wanted to change the layout and so we had to work around the existing window configuration plus side hatches and a houdini hatch.

As well as modernising the interior, the owners also wanted to upgrade the equipment on board to include hot water via a calorifier linked to a Webasto, central heating also linked to the Webasto and a 3kw inverter.

Below are some before and after shots of Vitre:





Hummingbird





The Hummingbird is a 45' cruiser stern narrowboat built by Black Country Narrowboats in 2003 and fitted with a Beta engine and hospital silencer.

Her owner wanted a brand new boat from Perrydale but as this was his first boat was reluctant to make such a heavy investment. By purchasing a used boat in excellent condition then having Perrydale re-fit it, he achieved the best of both worlds.

Here are some before and after shots for Hummingbird:





## Jack O Legs



Jack O Legs was a 58' cruiser stern narrowboat with a Beta engine approximately 15 years old which her owner acquired for an attractive price, given the survey findings.

In 2019 he then had her completely stripped back and re-fitted to the same standards as a complete newbuild. At this time this option saved him approximately £30,000.00 on a complete new build equivalent.

It also enabled him to change the layout, as he wanted entry off his cruiser stern in to the bathroom first, then the bedroom.

Here are the before then after shots for each room:



**Bedroom to Bathroom**



**Bathroom to Bedroom**





**Galley to Galley**



**Saloon to Saloon**







## Selim



Selim was a very quaint 38' cruiser stern narrowboat built by Delph Boats in 1984. Despite her age, the shell was in excellent condition and with a Beta 25hp engine added only 8 years ago, she fitted the purchase criteria of the new owners as their garden mooring meant that they had to find a boat that was no longer than 38'.

The old interior was completely stripped out so that spray foam insulation could be applied and a new floor put in. The layout achieved the owner's desire to have a large bathroom and good sized galley/saloon. For a boat of this size the compromise was to forego a bedroom, the sofa in the saloon converting to a double.

Mindful of budget, to keep costs down the exterior was sanded down and hand painted as opposed to being completely stripped back and re-sprayed.

Before and after shots for Selim, re-named Daphne Iris

Before

After



Before

After



Before

After





**Before**



**After**



**After**



As with newbuilds because of the bespoke nature of our work, it is impossible to provide an accurate estimate for a narrowboat re-fit until we can see the narrowboat itself and the extent of the work involved. However, we can usually provide an initial guide price from photographs and telephone or zoom discussions with the owners.

Within the re-fits section of our web site you will find details of our most recent projects Bluebella and Gerald No 28. Please visit: <https://perrydalenarrowboats.co.uk/new-builds-and-re-fits/>

### **Partial Re-Fits:**

#### **Toby Galley:**

Toby's owner did not like the pebble dash finish on her worktops and bright orange doors on her units. Instead she wanted a clean and crisp finish.



## Ebony:

The new owner of Ebony felt that the bathroom was too Victorian in style and wanted a modern finish that included a shower rather than a bath.







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