

SPACE TO IMPROVE

Kate Greenhalgh transformed a tiny worker's cottage into a light-filled haven

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INSPIRING

HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY A

250-year-old worker's cottage

LOCATION Cheshire

ROOMS Hall, sitting room, drawing room, kitchen-diner, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom

PURCHASED 2008

PREVIOUS PROPERTY

'Before moving here, I lived on The Wirral in a 1930s detached house,' says Kate.

HALL

This pretty space is set between the kitchen and sitting room.

Flagstone Charente flooring, £80sq m, Topps Tiles. Bexley Stripe wool rug, £240. Side Table, £105. Sweetpea and Willow, Bergere Grandfather clock, £240. Amazon, is identical. White Resin Deer Antlers, £124. Graham and Green

DRAWING ROOM

'This is my favourite room, but it was rather dark originally so I added a window,' says Kate. Langham sofas, from £1,350; curtains made up in Awning Stripe Camomile fabric, £30m; Bramley writing desk, £1,100; all Laura Ashley



Self-confessed home bird, Kate Greenhalgh, has been living in her cosy, country cottage in a pretty Cheshire village for the past four years. It was once a humble labourer's dwelling,

built around 1760, with chicken sheds at the back, but Kate gave it the bright, beautiful new look it deserves.

'Before moving here, I'd had a much larger Art Deco property and I was craving a challenge,' says Kate. 'Having refurbished that house,

I knew I was up to the task of putting my mark on a home that needed a little bit of help.'

Within three weeks of viewing this cottage, Kate had secured it. 'Although it was quite small, I loved its location,' she explains. 'It has a ▶

KITCHEN

An all-white scheme is the perfect foil for this low-ceilinged room. Kitchen, £35,000, K&L Kitchens. Table, £950; chairs, £350 for two; all the Bramley range at Laura Ashley. Reclaimed Window mirror (unpainted), £325. Notonthehighstreet.com

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