



The kitchen and dining area is a wonderful open space, with lots of large windows allowing light to flood in. This is one of many notable qualities – the refreshing amount of light. Where there may not originally have been much light, such as in the living room, Fiona has cleverly used glass blocks.

You could live in the kitchen alone. A large island is the focal point and the chunky dining table and chairs are perfect for casual dining. Hard to believe the kitchen was fitted seven years ago! All the worktops are granite and the smartest of appliances stand in pride of place. One thing that Fiona would like to change here is the tiled floor. 'I'd prefer a warmer coloured stone on the floor but these tiles are so hard wearing that it would be a shame to change them.' The stainless steel American fridge freezer really looks the part. This was originally white, so Fiona had it altered to a stainless steel finish. Now it matches the other appliances perfectly.

Moving through to the living room, you can see how a timeless look has been achieved. Elements of traditional furniture, such as the mirror (bought at a trade show in the RDS) have been blended with glass bricks to give a modern feel. When Fiona moved in, she bought some old furniture from the previous owner – it just goes to show that old and new really do work together! Fiona has chosen neutral tones for the furnishings. 'We use this room mostly in the evenings. It used to be kept as a good room but then I realised I preferred the whole house to be lived in. Mind you, I don't allow the kids to eat chocolate in here – popcorn only!'