

# ACHIEVING HARMONY

*The owners of this extended period property have gone for bespoke white oak cabinetry to blend seamlessly with their timeless interior scheme*

*Photography Rory Corrigan*





Having long admired the Neptune range of kitchens in magazines, the owners of this classic Henley design didn't get to see the brand in reality until they visited Neptune concept store, Browsers in Limerick. With an extensive display of Neptune kitchens, Browsers showcases the entire Neptune range, which includes furniture, lighting, sofas and accessories, allowing the couple to appreciate its signature look and visualise how this could translate to the existing scheme in their own home.

Adding an extension to the rear of their period property some ten years ago, the owners felt it was time to give the room an overhaul with a bespoke new scheme to really do their interior justice. With three stunning arched windows as the defining feature of the room, enhanced by a vaulted roof lantern, it was important that the new kitchen become part of the fabric of the house so a timeless design that would age well was key. Having admired the Neptune brand, the couple felt that one of these classic and elegant

designs would be the ideal fit. Timeless and effortless and yet with all the convenience of modern features, easy access drawer systems and bespoke storage, the Henley design was the obvious choice. It was actually the island from the Henley display in the Browsers showroom that first drew the couple's attention. Dealing with designer, Tiffany Jones, they discussed all their priorities and outlined what they wanted to incorporate into the space. Tiffany worked with the couple, devising the most efficient layout to maximise functionality and visual appeal.

Based on the proportions of the room and the feature windows forming a focal point, Tiffany advised against an island, which has resulted in a more open and airy scheme, allowing the dining area and arched windows adequate space and definition. In keeping with the traditional look the owners wanted to achieve, the kitchen furniture takes the form of practical base cabinets with a pair of glass

fronted wall cabinets for display storage of the couple's collection of silverware. The main cooking space has been retained in one area with the existing Aga being reused and paired with an induction hob. Food storage has also been concealed within one area; a bespoke curved larder cabinet, exclusive to the Henley range accommodates a substantial larder and fridge freezer with curved end cabinetry. Positioned at the dining end of the room, this freestanding piece brings cohesion to the room, connecting the kitchen and dining area.

A timeless scheme, the Henley, as well as functioning as a hard-working and practical kitchen, furnishes this space beautifully. And finished with a selection of Neptune furniture and accessories, the room exudes an effortlessly elegant ambience. Indeed, choosing the Henley kitchen may just have been fate; an old tea set that the couple were given many years ago as an engagement present has the very same name – the Henley!

## KITCHEN PROFILE

Location: Limerick  
 Bespoke Henley kitchen design in solid white American oak by Neptune from Browsers. Work surfaces and upstands are finished in Silestone Zynite with curved detailing around the sink and Aga.

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**Left:** A pair of glass-fronted wall cabinets with Belfast sink beneath the window achieves symmetry to this classic scheme **Above:** The custom designed larder with curved end cabinets features a tall larder with adjacent integrated fridge freezer to ensure that all food storage is kept in one accessible area

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**Did your clients have a clear idea of what they wanted to achieve?** They loved the Neptune kitchen range, having admired it for some time in magazines. Their period home has traditional décor and antique pieces so the kitchen had to be sympathetic to this existing design. Although the kitchen footprint is an extension, it too is classic in style and they wanted to retain plenty of space around the arched windows, which lead to the garden, yet also allow room for a dining area. They wanted to keep the room as open and airy as possible

**What are the defining features of this design?** The bespoke curved freestanding cabinet, canopy framing the cooking area and the solid white American oak finish are all very striking features that sit effortlessly in the room. Enhancing the traditional element, the Silestone work surfaces are continued with upstands with curved sections highlighting the sink and cooking areas. The internals of the larder are totally adjustable

**Did you encounter any challenges?** My clients initially liked the idea of having an island as well as dining area and fell for the Henley island as soon as they saw it in the showroom. We went through several design options before landing on this but it became apparent early on that an island wasn't a practical option. It was key to have adequate space around the feature windows so trying to include an island and dining table would have been too imposing. My clients were happy that this final design maintained the open and airy feel they wanted – an island just wouldn't have allowed the same circulation of space

**Tiffany Jones**  
Designer, Browsers



**Appliances:** Aga range cooker – retained from the couple's previous kitchen and paired with a Whirlpool induction hob. Integrated Bosch fridge freezer and dishwasher. The extraction system is Elica **Fixtures & Fittings:** Bespoke Henley kitchen design in solid white American oak – featuring soft close drawers, bronze handles and zig zag adjustable shelving – by Neptune from Browsers. Work surfaces in Silestone Zynite, chosen for its antibacterial qualities and high stain resistance. Single Belfast sink and Perrin & Rowe monobloc chrome tap, available from Browsers. Walls painted in Neptune colours – Juniper (purple tone), Driftwood (wall with arched windows) and Grey Oak (behind freestanding curved cabinet). Other Neptune furniture and accessories – Henley upholstered linen dining chairs, Henley round pedestal table, Harrison wall clock, Somerton willow basket, Cromwell oak lamps and Charlton vase with mix of artificial Snowball stems and green Magnolia. Neranjo limestone tumbled flooring from Ca'Pietra with honed surface and Moroccan layout achieving a rustic finish.

Relaxed yet ultimately elegant, the large Olivia three-seater sofa from Neptune is shown in Misty Grey upholstery. Thick weave linen, soft pleated details and substantial oak legs with antique brass castors combine to achieve a stylish and classic design. From £1,895/€2,395-£2,295/€2,895 depending on chosen finish

