

## A Place to Escape for the Whole Family



Katie and Jack had always loved swimming so when they had their first child it was important to them that he was a confident swimmer from a young age. Luckily Matthew shared his parents' passion for the water, enjoying regular trips to the local pool as a baby. However, after a number of health and safety concerns during the winter months, Katie and Jack decided to leave public swimming pools behind in favour of the home pool they had always dreamed of.

Once the decision to install a home pool had been made the couple set about finding a company that could manage the process for them from start to finish and ensure their vision became a reality.

Katie explains, "It was important to us that the company we chose were true experts in the field with a sole focus on pools. We started researching companies and spoke to Origin straight away. We

decided very quickly that Origin were the experts we wanted to work with, we didn't feel the need to shop around. We first contacted Origin in April and by August work on our dream pool was in full swing."

### Blending into the surroundings

"There were three main features that our swimming pool had to have. The first was safety. With a young baby using the pool every day, it was vital to us that the pool was as safe as it could possibly be. The second was that the space could become a social place for the whole family to use. The third, and one of the most important factors when planning the pool, was that it had to fit in with the land and the local architecture in our area."

"We live in a heritage listed Victorian cottage in a Conservation and Green Belt area so it was important



from a compliance perspective, as well as a stylistic perspective, that the pool house structure fitted in with its surroundings."

"Origin assisted with every stage of the design process and helped us to create a structure that fits in with the landscape and the main house perfectly. We had a rough idea of how we would like the pool to look but most of our inspiration came from talking to the fantastic architect. We were also offered the opportunity to visit some other pools that Origin had installed which was great for gaining inspiration and ideas for our own pool."

"We opted for an Essex Timber Barn look with a terracotta tiled roof because it is in keeping with lots of the other buildings in the village. We are so pleased with how well the structure fits in with the surrounding area, it really looks like it has been there forever."

"Origin also drew up the plans for the inside of the pool house including a small gym, changing room and kitchen area. Input from their team into the design of the pool itself was crucial, with the designer often suggesting small tweaks that made a world of difference to the overall look and functionality of the pool. For example, including smaller steps to increase the area of the pool that can be used for swimming."

### The Build

"Origin managed the entire process from start to finish, starting with obtaining a Certificate of Lawful Development for the poolhouse, which was dealt with before the project commenced."

"We have clay-based soil and a large oak tree which required deeper foundations for the pool but the team identified this before work began and built extra time into the project to allow for this. We hit a set back when it came to installing the gas supply, but Origin pulled out all the stops to ensure the work was complete within the timescale. The team worked incredibly hard to have everything finished ahead of our deadline. We can't praise the workforce highly enough, they were so lovely that we actually missed their presence around the house when the project was complete!"

"As well as the build of the pool house, Origin's groundwork team used the earth from the pool to landscape our garden which was completed whilst they were on site for the pool work. This is an added extra that we hadn't bargained for when we first got

in contact but, along with our fantastic pool, has vastly improved our living space. Our garden is totally transformed, we have much more privacy and we are using the space much more often as a result."

### A Space for the Whole Family

"Our swimming pool has quickly become much more than just a pool to us, it is a space for the whole family to come together and spend quality time together. Before we had the pool we would often be in the house together at the weekends but would be so busy doing our own thing that we would forget to put time aside to spend quality time focussing on each other. The pool house is a place to escape and swimming is the perfect activity to do together as a family, whatever the weather."

"My husband and I have also been using the pool to improve our fitness. I have taken to heading to the pool in the morning to swim lengths before my son wakes up and Jack has been enjoying using the small gym we had installed."

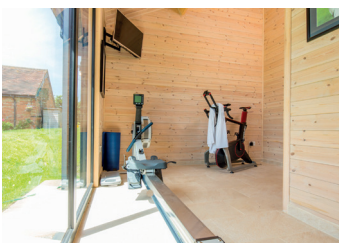
"The space is also perfect for entertaining. We have beautiful bi-folding doors at the end of the pool house with a small kitchen, so we can open the whole



thing up and eat on the patio after a swim when the weather is good. Our extended family has also enjoyed coming over and we love watching the whole family jump in and enjoy themselves."

"We would recommend Origin to anyone; their pools are absolutely beautiful and the team truly are experts in their field. We are confident the pool has already added value to our property and the extra quality time it has allowed us to spend as a family is invaluable."

If you're thinking about a home swimming pool and want to speak to the experts, call Origin on 01895 453 996.



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