



Cathy Riley visits the spectacular showers at Langley Interiors and tries to put images of a naked Sean Bean out of her mind and concentrate on reporting her impressions!

Langley Interiors has always been at the forefront of innovative design. Theirs is a long established household name in the world of high quality fitted furniture, having been in the business for over 40 years.

Nowadays this family business is run by designer, Peter Langley, his wife Debra and both are ably assisted by daughter Gemma. The company specialises in fitted bathrooms and bedrooms and is now delighted to announce a niche newcomer to the market, the 'enabling shower'.

Let's be fair about it, a top quality fitted shower suite does not come cheap and, quite naturally, we expect it to look as good as it does today many years into the future. But can we honestly say the same about ourselves? Our physical abilities, just like our lives, never stand still and there are many influences upon them which should give us cause for thought before we rush out and buy a new shower. We may be less stable or confident on our feet, the inevitable result of the passage of time and advancing years or we may have suffered some form of incident or accident that has

left us in some way less able to cope as well as we used to with our bathroom needs.

Regardless of the cause of an individual's limitation or disability Peter Langley recognises the importance of empowering us all with the confidence and ability to shower safely. Advertised for bathing aids and other equipment solely for 'disabled use' litter the weekend newspapers but many of these aids unfortunately are specific to the user and do not sit comfortably in the environment of a high quality family bathroom. None of us wants our disability to restrict our choice of a luxury bathroom to that of a Victorian infirmary!

Peter's response to this dilemma lies in his skill and experience as a designer. He designs the entire shower environment to meet the anticipated need, a solution so simple it's brilliant.

This puts into context his expression 'enabling shower'. Features offering improved safety and security blend seamlessly into the overall design. As Peter puts it: "If you can imagine a solution to your own showering limitation, my team can not only produce it but can even turn it into a feature to enhance the visual

impact of a top quality bathroom".

Take, for example, a magnificent 'marble' bench to allow showering in a seated position. It is manufactured from the same Versital casting process that matches the beautiful seamless one-piece basin surround. Versital incidentally is a composite material capable of achieving spectacular effects from classical marble, (in a staggering range of shades), to metallic gold bling, if that's what it takes to float your boat! What appears to be a spectacular, chunky tubular chrome soap stand is actually a cunningly designed safety rail! Naturally width of access and space for assistance can easily be accommodated, just as the height of fixtures can be varied according to need.

The elements of design, imagination, creativity, function and a good dollop of love combine to create the 'enabling shower' from Langley Interiors. If you feel ready to invigorate your bathroom, empower yourself and go talk to them! ■

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