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To Whom it May Concern,

David Spivey - Design & Decorate Naturally

The "C" Family, both myself and my parents, have worked with David on numerous occasions over many years: from decorating a small London flat, to a complete internal and external re-decoration of a country cottage on Exmoor. It was our experience of working with David on these occasions that led us to trust him with the daunting task of both the Project Management and a complete internal and external decoration of a dilapidated house in North London, in much need of repair. The structural survey said that it wasn't a project to be taken on lightly: but with David at the helm it was completed as near to time and budget as you could ever hope.

Designing and decorating a home is a bit like choosing a partner: it's a personal and emotional journey and it says a lot about you as a person. David, through intuition and experience successfully guided us through the process: helping, supporting and bringing to life the good (and possible!) ideas and quietly putting to bed the impossible. While I was caught up at the office, in meetings or delayed at the airport it was such a comfort to know that he was working hard to bring my dreams for a home to life with determination and diligence. He managed the messy and complex interface between many different tradesmen - plumbers, electricians, builders - suppliers, structural engineers and building control with skill and confidence. The fact that my neighbours are still talking to me after 8 months of scaffolding, dust and early starts, is a testament to his tact, good humour and sensitivity!

And that was just the project management. When it comes to decoration, he is as accurate, careful and painstaking as you could ever wish. You won't find someone who pays a closer attention to the details than David and his team.

As both a project manager and inspired decorator, David and his address book are worth every penny and I would recommend them to anyone about to undertake the daunting and exhilarating task of renovating a house. You know that you can trust them to carry out the job in your absence - a rare quality - and to recommend practical solutions. Part time mentor and part time friend, we have achieved the impossible: a considerable and extensive project without ever falling out.

I know that my parents already have plans afoot for David in the future; so my advice would be - get that slot in his diary as quickly as possible.

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