



A former shopkeeper from Chester has made a dramatic career change and now owns beautiful holiday cottages on Anglesey



Standing in the doorway of one of her newly opened holiday cottages with views of the sea, birds circling overhead and perfect stillness all around, Katy Pickering reflects on the drastic career change which brought her to rural Anglesey.

Katy, who is originally from Chester, worked at Mottram Hall when she left

school then ran Hargreaves women's clothes store in Nantwich for 16 years. But she sold the shop and swapped the hustle and bustle of town centre trading to start a new tourism business on her husband's family's estate in the north east of the island.

'Having worked at a hotel years ago, I have come full circle,' she said. 'Alec's family have a large estate and we are converting buildings around the periphery of the estate.'

The latest development, where Katy welcomed the first guests at the start of this year, transformed a farm house and barn into five beautifully appointed cottages on the hillside above the Dulas coast and she added: 'The work took 12

months and I'm delighted with the results. On a clear day the views are wonderful across the coast and to the hills of Snowdonia.'

The new cottages, a mile or so from the couple's first development, each have their own hot tub, wood burning stove, world class views and a well-stocked welcome hamper.

The cottages stand on a quiet single track lane between Moelfre and Penysarn, near the Anglesey Coastal Path and Parys mountain, with wide beaches and lovely towns nearby. ■

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