



From the ashes

Eight years after Alex & Cheryl Reay moved to their idyllic thatched cottage in the English countryside disaster struck. The house suffered a fire that left only the 18th century ground floor standing. Faced with this setback they took the opportunity to sympathetically restore and enhance the building.

As professionals working in London's music industry, the audio system was essential not just for enjoyment but for work. Their search for an ultra discrete loudspeaker, to cause as little visual disruption to the traditional restored interior, led Alex to Amina's Invisible Loudspeakers.

"When I read about the Plaster In-Wall speakers I was intrigued" explains Alex. "So I went to one of Amina's distributors demonstration facilities and listened to them. I was impressed and decided to try a pair. We had them installed and after the invisible "sound unveiling" we decided to fit them in every room except the bathrooms."

Easy to install in solid walls

Amina loudspeakers are straightforward to install. Simply mount in the wall or ceiling, plaster skim over and they're invisible. (For more information speak to your local Amina installer or www.amina.co.uk)

Though the walls of the cottage were a mixture of traditional solid stonework and drywall the installation process was simple for both. For the stone walls Amina supplied steel back boxes to house them and a traditional high lime content render, to let the wall breathe, was used to plaster over the loudspeakers.

In the new upper floor the speakers were installed in the standard plasterboard between the green-timber oak frame. Here a multi-finish plaster applied as the skim layer. The hardest part of the process was convincing the plasterer to skim over them!

Run it from your standard audio equipment

The Amina Plaster In-wall speakers run off standard amplifiers and audio equipment. For example in the bedrooms the Amina Plaster In-wall speakers are driven by Fatman iPods. In total there are 14 Aminas installed at the cottage: a pair of AIW5 80W loudspeakers in both the downstairs living room and study; four further sets of AIW3 40W speakers upstairs and a final pair of AIW3s in the dining room downstairs.

This installation demonstrates how Amina's Plaster In-wall invisible loudspeakers provide an invisible audio solution that blends the latest technology into a 1700s structure to provide a stunning result.

