

Rustic retreat

When Tina Peters' long-term partner, Terry Deacon, inherited a small ramshackle hut on the cliff overlooking Cornwall's Whitsand Bay, they drew up plans themselves to build a timber-framed extension, change the external plastic cladding to cedar, install new doors and windows, and replace the roof covering with metal sheeting. Sadly, Terry died part way through the project, but Tina continued the work, and now Verdun is available for holiday rental through Boutique Retreats.

"I was particularly pleased with the triangular glazing, which had been my idea," says Tina, who also installed floor-to-ceiling triple-glazed doors, which can be pulled back in warm weather. Now with a lofty double-height ceiling, and handmade steel doors dividing the bedroom from the main living area, the bright, vintage space offers a relaxing beach chalet bolthole in Cornwall's forgotten corner. 



IMAGE: MARK WATTS