



“the site foreman kept things on schedule and on budget”

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The Project

This 19th Century red-brick barn was to be converted into a domestic dwelling, with parkland and a walled-garden. The original structure comprised three sections, forming a U shape and over-looking the neighbours. The middle section was demolished and rebuilt at the opposite end, turning the structure around so that it no longer over-looked the neighbouring farm. We set about stripping the property down to the shell, all the while salvaging the original roof tiles and bricks. Because the original roof timbers were not strong enough to support the new structure, we introduced steelwork throughout but retained the timber beams for aesthetic purposes. Using the salvaged bricks, we built two fireplaces, one of which was an inglenook. On the interior, we built a bespoke oak staircase and decorated throughout. The bathrooms were all hand-finished, using the unique technique of polished plastering. The property was heated with air source heat pumps and underfloor heating and a rainwater harvester was installed to harness water for the garden and washing the car. Despite the period of the property, it enjoys many of the comforts of modern living from the future-proofed intelligent lighting and a high tech media system to insulation beyond today's standards.

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