

# Hillside, Noke

Noke, Oxfordshire

Residential

Private Home



## Project Details

- **Scope**  
Total refurbishment and remodelling of a large country cottage
- **Role**  
Architect
- **Client**  
Private Client
- **Value**  
£500k
- **Dates**  
April 2009 - December 2009

## A Unique Character Home

Total refurbishment, re planning and remodelling of a substantial, but rather plain, country cottage to create a country retreat with style and character.

The original house was solid but rather plain and featureless. The clients brief called for dramatic remodelling to add some character and 'joy' to the building. He favoured a delicate 'Strawberry Hill Gothic' style which was introduced through the addition of elegant joinery detailing and mouldings of a very particular nature along with asymmetrical gables and an oriel window added to the front façade deliberately creating an eccentric appearance to the elevation. Interiors included 're claimed' architectural elements including doors and surrounds, sanitary ware, fireplaces and panelling. Authentic cornices and ceiling roses were also incorporated along with appropriately designed skirtings and architraves.

Interior planning was radically altered to suit modern living, with the creation of a large family kitchen and the provision of additional bathrooms and utility spaces.

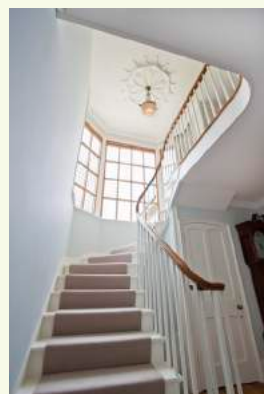
The double garage was converted and remodelled to form a 'Granny Annex', with timber cladding plus custom made windows to match the main house.

A veranda was added, wrapping around part of the front, side and rear of the house, using re claimed columns topped by an appropriate modern glazing system.



## Key Aspects

- Coordination of custom designed, joinery with reclaimed elements
- New slate roof with overhanging eaves and custom designed extravagantly decorative bargeboards and finials
- Introduction of label mouldings and stone surrounds to all new external door and window openings
- Staircase designed in an historical style to fit octagonal format, with swept hardwood handrail and volute to bottom landing



(Images above, Hillside before refurbishment and remodelling.)

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