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Ewenbridge Farm, Essex

Conservation and alterations to a Grade 2 listed mediaeval farmhouse with Georgian front, in an area of special scientific interest, with diverse ecology, former home of the war artist, Eric Ravilious. Repairs to walled garden, coach pond and out-buildings. New apple store, garage and guest accommodation

Value: c. £500,000, phased

Dates: Masterplan and garden: 2007-10

Phase 1 farmhouse conservation : 2008

Phase 2: limewash facade 2012

Phase 3: new outbuildings 2012-13

Phase 4: landscape 2016-17

Client: Private

Brief description of Project:

The farm had been almost untouched since the 1950s and nettles grew waist high. Masterplan to reinstate the farmstead in its historic position. Conservation appraisal to determine the condition and significance of the buildings and landscape

Farmhouse conservation:

Repairs to oak framed structure. Re-roofing with insulation. Lead rainwater goods. Re-pointing of brick chimneys in lime mortar. Removal of 1950s alterations and reinstatement of leaded light windows and bay window

Internal alterations to provide new kitchen and bathrooms and new rooms in roof-space.

Removal of false wall and ceiling to reveal original Tudor moulded timbers

New fireplaces and oak floors to replace 1950s alterations

Landscape:

Repairs to garden walls with new oak gates

Reinstatement of mediaeval cart pond

New borehole and cess pit

New 1-acre organic vegetable garden laid out within formal borders

New route and gates for cars and farm vehicles and fencing for sheep, geese and chickens

Outbuildings:

Repairs and alterations to out-buildings to form laundry, workshop and warehouse. Demolition of parts with negative historic significance

New out-buildings:

Brick and flint apple store

Timber clad Garage with workshop and guest accommodation over. The new buildings are vernacular in form and they use traditional materials of hand-made brick, flint and oak to match the green oak on the house and gardens, which has been allowed to naturally weather. The detailing is modern

Architects

Masterplan: Kennedy O'Callaghan

Farmhouse and walled garden conservation

and alterations and new out-buildings: Janie Price



Rear



Front



Garage and apple store

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Landing



Reception room 1



Attic corridor



Reception room 2



Corridor



Reception room 3

