



Coleman's Farmhouse, Theydon Mount, Essex

Challenge:

To sympathetically convert and extend the once derelict Georgian farmhouse to include a new two-storey side extension and orangery, matching the colour and style of the original external elevations and creating symmetry between the main house and new extensions.

Solution:

The project involved the realignment of several windows in the original farmhouse building and reintroduction of stack-bonded soldier brickwork details above openings. With the selection and specification of brickwork essential to achieving a co-ordinated finish, the client and architect chose Swanage Handmade Light Red, a hand-blended, fine sanded brick that matched the hues, texture and format of the original 19th century brickwork – working closely with Ibstock to carefully select individual bricks to provide the perfect match needed for the main fabric repairs. All new brickwork was laid in Flemish Bond to match the original building and horizontal banding re-introduced in contrasting courses of cream brickwork to add symmetry and reinforce the linearity of the design. Existing elevations were repointed to further blend new and existing brickwork and add a sharp, fresh appearance.

Architect: Wighton Architects

Brick:

Swanage Handmade Light Red