



The Chilterns Buildings Design Awards

3. Best 'Traditional' Building

Specific Criteria

- A building of traditional local character, which contributes to the distinctiveness of the Chilterns, conserves and enhances the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and is constructed using locally-produced building materials (e.g., clay tiles, bricks, flint, and timber etc.). The project should exemplify the application of [the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide](#).
- Where applied to the conversion or alteration of an existing building, the outcome:
 - recognises a best practice that has given a new lease of life to a traditional building by innovative and sympathetic re-use consistent with its historic or architectural significance; and/or
 - demonstrates a responsible retrofit, whilst preserving the building's fabric and heritage, and exhibits quality energy solutions that enhance health and contribute towards the behavioural changes of occupants.
- Where applied to a new build, the project demonstrates an understanding of the built and natural fabric of its context in terms of layout, access and its position in the landscape.
- Whether a conversion or a new build, the project demonstrates excellent quality craft skills and the use of traditional materials, including salvaged or recycled materials.

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