



“We Want More Free-Flowing Space and We Want More ‘WOW!’ Factor”

Our designs transform this family home and provide new and valuable flexibility throughout. Overtly horizontal elevations are tamed by introducing much needed verticality, and more vernacular materials and details have been used to conform to Barnwell’s conservation area.

The Croft is located on Church Hill in Barnwell surrounded by almost one hectare of paddock/rough pasture. The current property was built in the late 1950’s / early 1960’s and had been extended on two or more occasions prior to this project.

Constructed using traditional, if not typically local, materials the roof was covered in plain concrete tiles and the walls were rendered and painted. The current property was not very handsome. Strong horizontal lines in the roof and ‘squashed’ windows accentuated the elongation of the front (north) and rear (south) elevations. The alterations introduced a more vertical emphasis to the elevations. The new gabled extension to the rear disrupts the horizontal.

Through the addition of more ‘local’ materials, including limestone quoins, lintels and sills, the extension improves the appearance of The Croft and positively impacts it’s immediate surroundings. Internally the new extension and alterations provide additional accommodation to the ground floor including a larger entrance hall, a new downstairs study/bedroom with en-suite shower room, and an extended kitchen- dining room to the rear. On the first floor a new master suite with vaulted ceiling adds a little bit of ‘wow-factor’.

These internal revisions to the ground floor transform the house with open free-flowing spaces all enjoying direct access to the terrace and garden beyond.

Key Facts + Conservation Area Listed Building New Build Extension Alterations
Services Delivered: Survey Design Planning Permission Building Regs. Tender Site Inspection



The Croft
Church Hill
Barnwell



“We worked with OundleArchitecture to interpret our ideas and realise our dreams for transforming our house into a home with ‘wow’ factor.”

Rich & Emma Watson. The Croft, Barnwell.