



Rural composition

HAT Projects' extension and renovation of a cramped nineteenth-century worker's cottage in Shropshire is intended to be discreet and simple, while instilling a sense of quality and warmth. A south-facing light scoop, doubling as a chimney for a woodburning stove, brings sunlight and changing shadows into the north-facing living space. The windows frame specific views of the garden.

Brick was chosen to complement the existing stone walls, and for reasons of cost, robustness and familiarity to local contractors. The locally-produced brick provides a tonal connection to both the existing masonry and timber fenestration. The colour of the latter was predetermined as the cottage sits within a larger estate. Internally, a painted loadbearing brickwork leaf surrounds the fireplace.

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