



**Award Category:** Retrofit for the Future sponsored by MHA MacIntyre Hudson

**Project:** Apple Tree Farmhouse, Chorleywood Common

**Client:** Private

**Architect:** Roger Mears Architects



Apple Tree Farmhouse is a Grade II listed building situated on the edge of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Following an extensive four-year sympathetic refurbishment and redevelopment, underpinned by conservation-led repair techniques, the building has been given a new lease of life. Medieval features were uncovered whilst using like-for-like repairs wherever possible. Environmental conditions were improved at every opportunity, including a 30% reduction

in energy bills due to sheep wool insulation being installed throughout. The result is a beautiful and comfortable building with carefully conserved areas that will be enjoyed by future generations for many years to come.

#### **Judges' comments:**

“This project has become a true passion for the owner, who has not only thoroughly researched the history of the Grade II property and the various construction techniques over the past centuries, but has carried out the refurbishment works to the highest conservation standards, using local material where possible, as well as unearthing details that have even surprised the heritage specialists.”