



# Surrey Heritage Awards 2019

## Nomination 2: Sunt Farmhouse

### Oxted, Tandridge District

#### Summary

Sunt Farmhouse is a late 16<sup>th</sup> century two-storey timber framed house, possibly with an integral attic for corn storage. It has large back-to-back hearths on each floor built with earth mortar rather than lime. Other unusual features include historic sliding shutters and Yorkshire sliding sash windows and a solid tread staircase.



#### Project

The project aimed to enhance the significance of the house by removing uPVC windows which had been added to an extension to the property in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Repairs were also carried out to the unusual Yorkshire sash windows as part of the project. Black paint, which is not a historic feature of timber framed buildings, was removed from many of the timbers inside the house. The most notable work was the reinstatement of the fireplaces (pictured right) to their original designs using historic methods.



#### Initial Comments

Judges were impressed with the use of sympathetic craftsmanship, traditional materials and reversing unwelcome works previously undertaken. Modern services have been introduced to the building but the carefully preserved elements show the building has retained its historic character and the patina of age. A planning condition allowed Tandridge District Council to record the building as the works were undertaken and deposit a copy with the Surrey Historic Environment Record.

