



# Surrey Heritage Awards 2019

## Nomination 3: Old Yew Tree Cottage Wrecclesham, Waverley Borough

### Summary

Old Yew Tree Cottage is a 16<sup>th</sup> century smoke bay house, one end of which was rebuilt as a 17<sup>th</sup> century chimney parlour wing. The oldest part of the house has been dendro-dated to 1551 as part of the repairs.

### Project

This building had little work done in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and therefore represented a rare opportunity for the Farnham Trust to take it on as a project to learn more about its history. As part of the work the Trust were able to identify the location of a smoke bay at the end of the building, a historic window and the original first floor ceiling.

Where additional strength was required in the timber frame new timbers were added alongside the old so that the original fabric was retained. Where rebuilding of brickwork was necessary lime mortar was used alongside lime plaster finished with clay paint to ensure the historic fabric remained breathable. Historic elm floorboards were also retained as part of the project and carefully re-laid where rooms required more structural support.

### Initial Comments

The judges noted that in addition to refurbishing a vulnerable listed building and retaining much historic fabric, significant recording work was undertaken during the project and this has been deposited in a public archive.

