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Challenge

Caring Wood is an extensive country home project set in 84 acres of scenic Kentish countryside designed by architects James Macdonald Wright and Niall Maxwell. It is a magnificent country home with the space for three generations of the same family, incorporating formal, communal and private spaces.

The project was revealed as the winner of 2017 RIBA House of the Year in an episode of Channel 4's Grand Designs: House of the Year presented by Kevin McCloud.

Solution

The architects chose the Keymer County Peg Antique tile. During the project, James and Niall had a lot of questions and the Keymer team was on hand to help. The project team worked hard to ensure that nothing was left to chance – every angle and shape was specifically detailed and modelled in advance.

The 153,000 Keymer County Peg Antique tiles added together to create a striking looking roof for the country home. The tiles were gradually delivered throughout each stage of the project and were produced using the traditional handmade techniques over a period of a year.

Result

The architects had a site office and were on hand to fix, help, advise and look at all the different details working closely with the contractor Complete Roofing Contractors.

The finished property boasts exceptional sustainability, with both the main house and cottage achieving an EPC rating of A. By achieving planning consent under PPS7, the design of the house and landscaping were jointly considered to contribute to, protect and enhance the local environment.

Caring Wood's sustainability is addressed through a low energy design and the use of clean green technologies, but also in the application of regional building form, material choices and detailing.

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