

Water Lane, Burton Bradstock, Bridport, Dorset

For Private Clients

This new farmhouse for a fish farmer and his family was inspired by local vernacular buildings in the area of West Dorset where it is situated.

The two storey house has a linear plan that defines the valley where the fish ponds are located. A large pitched roof slopes down to single storey on the west elevation, facing the ponds, and the two storey elevation faces east to the woods behind.

Movement throughout the site is via decking raised above the flood plain. An open porch on the west elevation, gives on to a raised deck and ornamental pond, and provides the principal entry into the house. The working entrance on the east elevation is via a mud room.

Inside, set under a big open barn-like roof, living accommodation occupies the upper floor, connecting via a staircase and a central roof-lit double volume to dining and kitchen at ground floor level. Bedrooms and bathroom occupy the cellular accommodation at the northern end of the ground floor level.

The house is built using local hand-made red bricks from Swanage, with windows and internal linings in Douglas fir.



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