

Nu-LokTM provides cutting edge roofing fit for a 7th century village

In April 2004 Nigel and Barbara Illingworth purchased 2 acres of land from a local developer, in the historic village of Greens Norton, Northamptonshire.

The challenges:-

- > to build a house which would look appropriate between an 11th Century manor house and the rectory, which dates back to the 1600's.
- > to satisfy planners who have only given planning permission for one other property in the village since 1977.

The result:-

- > a stunning stone detached house with three storeys, and 27 rooms
- > 320m² of Nu-LokTM slate was used on the roof, (which included a wastage contingency)
- > the Illingworth's home combines both traditional and state of the art building methods and materials which doesn't compromise the history of the village.



All the benefits of an innovative Nu-LokTM roof with a traditional look

Nu-LokTM offers easy future maintenance

Nigel explained: "Our plans were to use traditional building methods and traditional materials. But although Nu-LokTM slate roofing is non-traditional and innovative, we still achieved the traditional look we wanted. It has all the benefits of a modern product, but its appearance fits well with an historic village. Nu-LokTM roofing also offered us easy future maintenance and good quality, thick slate, with a price that we felt reflected the quality."

Nigel and his wife, who run their own business, heard about Nu-LokTM via their architect Anthony Ricketts who is based in Everdon, Northampton. Although the Illingworths didn't work directly with Nu-LokTM, their roofing contractor Russell Roofing in Northampton received plenty of assistance and training from Nu-LokTM and found them very helpful.

But Nigel and Barbara have struck the right balance between old and modern construction methods by using traditional items such as oak for all doors and window frames. Stone has been used for the wall construction and slate for the roof. Nu-LokTM roofing combines traditional slate with modern 'know how'.

The innovative 'no nails' roofing system replaces traditional wooden battens with a lightweight galvanised steel grid system. The system incorporates uniquely designed link channels containing a high grade steel clip for securing the leading tile edge, locked into place between steel battens.

The couple's whole project took two years to complete. One year to complete the plans and gain planning permission and a further year for building. The Nu-LokTM roofing took just under 3 weeks to install.

Nigel continued: "Nu-LokTM has a product which provides a clear advantage over standard roof installations with regards to maintenance and slate replacement. They also provide a higher quality slate and level of service than most traditional methods of roofing that we looked into."



Nu-LokTM slate created neat, sharp mitred hips

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