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Nr. Southwold, Suffolk
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Within the shell of a large and handsome 17th-century agricultural building, the architect Geoff Pyle has created an astonishing home. On a rural site of approximately 4 acres, the property includes the main house (over 3,000 sq ft with 4 bedrooms and 3 reception rooms) and a number of outbuildings that have the potential to be converted to further accommodation. The house can be found near the small village of Wangford, approximately four miles from the Suffolk coast.

Pyle's design creates a harmonious balance of the historical and the contemporary. The frame of the building, a Grade II-listed structure, is constructed of rough oak; to offset the character of the timber, Pyle has used concrete and glass throughout. A further example of this balance is the restored thatched roof, now pierced with a bank of skylights that enable the interior of the property to be flooded with light.

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The house is loosely arranged as two halves on either side of a dramatic double-height hallway with poured concrete floors and large glass sliding doors that open out onto the garden. On either side of the house is a first-floor reception room, one that is lighter and more open (mainly used by the current owners in summer) and another that is more enclosed (mainly used by the current owners in winter). The large master bedroom suite incorporates a bathroom and a mezzanine level study. It also has a wood-burning stove, as have the two reception rooms.

Pyle is an architect who was won numerous awards for his work both in the UK and abroad. Although he has worked on a wide range of buildings he has gained a particular reputation for his imaginative and exacting conversions of agricultural buildings.

The small village of Wangford is in east Suffolk – the two closest towns being the popular seaside town of Southwold and the attractive market town of Halesworth. Both provide a broad range of shopping and dining opportunities, as well as cultural activities. The town of Aldeburgh and the celebrated Snape Maltings Concert Hall are also close by. The closest railway station is at Halesworth, where services run directly to London Liverpool Street in approximately 2 ¼ hours.

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