

# CARLESS + ADAMS

## Case study

Harecombe Manor  
Crowborough, East Sussex



Client	ICON Design and Build Ltd
Value	£12.75m
Scope of Services	RIBA Stages 0-53
Programme	Full planning permission granted in 2020
Site area	0.803 Ha, 1.99 acres
Total m2	5040m2
Accommodation	81 Care Bedrooms

Designed within an area designated as a Local Heritage Asset of Reasonable Significance, this 81 bed care home design has fully embraced the outside by providing wander routes and orchards.



“Brilliant work! The proposed is an amazing building ...an exciting and stunning scheme. Carless + Adams Ltd gave Icon a stunning scheme and it was everything we wanted.”

David Smith, Icon Design & Build

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Harecombe Manor was originally an 1903 arts and crafts style property, converted and extended for use as a care home. Following its closure Carless + Adams were commissioned to design a modern new build care home in its place. The design was considerate of the heritage and includes smooth blue brick, a pigment red zinc roof, black board cladding, stone retaining walls, light buff feature stonework walls and bronze composite windows. Carless + Adams worked closely with the local authority to finally succeed with a contemporary scheme with the support of the Heritage and Conservation officer who stated “...In conclusion, I consider that the proposals address the requirements of the Planning Inspector in terms of Heritage considerations and the design quality of the proposed new building.”

This scheme which boasts a double height entrance hall, also features numerous communal spaces including a pub, shop, a gym for the wellbeing of the residents plus a hair and beauty salon. Focus was made on the outside space to create a sensory garden, ‘wander route’ garden, visitor garden and a large, covered balcony for shade in summer. There is also a proposed Dementia orchard.

These facilities are scattered throughout the building to provide the future residents with a care home that will offer them an opportunity to keep their mind, body and soul active. The home is both fresh and vibrant to energise the residents whilst providing the most up to date care facilities in order to assist the carers in their invaluable roles.