

First impressions when buying or selling a property are all-important. A beautifully tiled roof can be a very valuable asset

ne of the most important checks to make, says Phil Spencer, when buying a property, particularly an older property, is the state of the roof. If the roof needs work and shows signs of aging with slipping tiles, it's obviously important to get the roof fixed as a priority job. Re-tiling a roof may be an expense you don't want but think of it as a once-in-a-lifetime investment, an investment that also gives you the opportunity to enhance your property and its sale value.

ATTRACTIVE ROOF TILING

It's likely that the majority of homeowners think of roof tiling as no more than being

a practical piece of work to keep the weather out. However, roof tiling offers a lot more than practicality. Heritage Clay Tiles, for example, is the country's leading supplier offering an outstanding range of styles. This gives a great opportunity for new builds and refurbished houses to be given what can turn out to be very attractive roof tiling embellishment, utilising the large range of tile colours that meld with your locality, whether town or country. These options include ornamental clay tiles, handmade tiles, giving the homeowner the opportunity to create a unique blend of roof tiling. The company, Heritage Clay Tiles, even offer a Bat Access Tile set that will allow the

little beasts to get into your roof—and the serious point to remember is that all UK bats and their roosts are protected by law. If any property has been, or is suspected to have been, home to any number of bats, at any time, legislation requires taking advice and precautions when working on the roof. Legislation also requires provision to allow access for bats if they return. But let's focus on the tiles rather than the bats ...

THE HERITAGE CLASSIC RANGE

The Heritage Classic range of plain tiles is one of the finest ranges of clay tiles available on the market today. Only the best raw materials are sourced, enabling craftsmen to create beautifully hand formed clay tiles of the highest quality and durability. The process is rigorously monitored and checked continuously in the factory to ensure that standards are strictly adhered to before undergoing further stringent tests.

This range includes handmade Georgian Classic, Victorian Classic, and Edwardian Classic tiles, each suitable for all new build and renovation projects. The plain tile range offers a variety of design options bringing versatility and character to all types of pitched roofs.

MIX AND MATCH

The Clayhall Range from Heritage Clay Tiles offers an excellent alternative when budget restrictions are a concern, but without compromising quality or durability. With Heritage Clayhall Blends, the suppliers say that a truly individual statement can be made by mixing colours to create a totally bespoke roof. Blended shades add that extra unique element, so imaginative designs and concepts can be incorporated to provide something that is individual to your project. For those that like pre-blended products, Heritage Clay Tiles can supply these too with their Hamlet Mix and Birchwood Mix product offerings. •





CASE STUDY

Gidea Park is a small neighbourhood in the London borough of Havering. It is a predominantly affluent residential suburb of Romford in Essex.

There were 12,000 Heritage Hamlet Mix tiles used on this prestigious project. Hamlet mix is made up of 70 percent Heritage Clayhall medium and 30 percent Clayhall red tiles, the plain tiles are pre-mixed before reaching site. The fittings are kept to one colour rather than a mixture of red and medium, in this case medium colour was chosen to outline the property perfectly.

Heritage Hamlet mix were chosen above other tiles for this new build to compliment not only the property but also to be in-keeping within the local area of predominantly clay tiles.

• All Heritage clay tiles are available from stock at the head office yard based in Essex. There is a wide choice of tiles and fittings, including ornamental tiles and some specials in various colours, along with the new ventilation bat tiles. Heritage is happy to supply samples and prices upon request.

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