



Love your house

The Mulhollands of Reigate wanted to safeguard the character of their Edwardian house while updating their windows. They chose wisely...

'We had four main criteria that we felt were of vital importance to us, when it came to replacing our windows,' said Mrs Mulholland of Reigate. 'We have a beautiful Edwardian house in Reigate and we feel privileged to own it. We feel that anyone who owns an attractive period property should take good care of it and always try to retain its character when replacing windows and doors.'

'Our house was in need of re-painting; this would have meant time and money - and hire of scaffolding, too. We were also conscious of the increasing costs of

heating. We had wooden sash windows, so we approached Elwyns who had been recommended by three friends in Surrey who had had installations done by the Carshalton company. We talked to them at length about replacing the sashes and the various materials and finishes we could opt for before choosing to have ninety per cent of our windows and a side door replaced - using upvc, which is such a good product now compared to twenty to thirty years ago.

'Not only was maintenance reduced and heating efficiency improved at a stroke,

but we also now enjoy benefits of easier cleaning and improved security. All the new windows pivot inwards, so we are now able to clean the outsides from inside; and all the windows and the door have strong locks fitted, giving us extra peace of mind.

'All our key criteria were met by Elwyns, but the most important of them all was the look - and this remains fully in keeping with the style and character of the house we love.' t&l

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