

# Netherhall Gardens

Scheme address: Netherhall Gardens, NW3  
Architect: Woollacott Gilmartin Architects  
Contractor: MH Costa Construction  
Client/owner: Private  
Completed: July 2014  
Scheme description:

The new house replaces a sprawling 50s bungalow with a four-storey reworking of the conventional London townhouse. The house is contemporary, but uses traditional forms, materials, and textures to blend with the surrounding conservation area. The exterior is clad in handmade hanging tiles. On slightly faceted elevations, the tiles are ordered into separate panels by vertical zinc shadow gaps. Frameless sheets of glass are juxtaposed with traditional painted sash windows. The design internally is preoccupied with natural light, materials, and textures. The ground floor plan living spaces are open, but a loose traditional arrangement of rooms is still legible.

Panel comments:

*"There is a familiarity about the materials, details and silhouette of this family home but this is a sophisticated and abstracted form. The sequence of spaces internally are beautifully choreographed and finished. The spatial arrangement is complex and unexpected with a heavy masonry frame & fire place defining the formal areas of sitting & dining. The spaces fold & fragment to align with views, borrow light and capture shadows on the exceptionally fine palette of finishes. This work is both playful & sophisticated by an architect & contractor who clearly understands form, materials & craft."*

