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Rosemary Brooke jots down some of the month's more eye-catching highlights



INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

RFR started off as a private property search and advisory business but the past six years has seen the London-based company expand into interior design as well. RFR was founded by Sophie and Richard Rogerson, a husband-andwife team who were formerly City lawyers. Now they head up their ever-expanding office — the wealth management expert William Drake has recently joined their existing staff, which also includes their 'team hound' Indy. 'Brimming with enthusiasm, talent and fun' is how Drake describes the company. A look at RFR's website confirms this: the case histories show the company's scope at tackling all sorts of tricky briefs. www.rfrproperty.com

Sense and sensibility

In the village of Rode, 10 miles from Bath near Frome, lies Southfield – a truly unusual house. The front elevation is comprised of three 17th-century cottages that were joined together when the Georgian rear was added, resulting in a combination of rustic and grand. The drawing room opens out to a large secluded garden, with an orchard and stream, creating a house so charming that it could have leapt straight from the pages of the pages of a Jane Austen novel. Contact Crisp Cowley on 01225 789333





As 2016 is officially the 'Year of the Garden', now's the time to get your outside space in order. Garden designer Donald Ingam honed his eye for aesthetics as a magazine art director before studying at The English Gardening School at Chelsea Physic Gardens back in 2003. Based in London and the South-east, his company, Outer Space Garden Design, creates schemes that are both beautiful and functional, and in keeping with the style of the owner's house. His current projects include a large country garden in the New Forest and a contemporary roof terrace in Battersea. Call 020 8543 0639/07808 587957 or visit www.outerspace-gardendesign.co.uk

Jewel in the crown

The town centre of Windsor, with its famous castle and historic buildings, is famed the world over for its quintessential Englishness. Adjacent to the castle, by the Long Walk, is this beautiful Grade II*-listed town house, with period features and grand proportions. Park Street is one of the oldest streets in Windsor but if you step inside No. 9, everything is thoroughly up-to-the-minute, from the underfloor heating to the light-filled kitchen extension. Guide price £5,500,000. Contact Savills on 01733 834600

