

# WINDOW SHOPPING

ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING WAYS TO ENHANCE OUR HOMES, WE SHINE A LIGHT ON ARCHITECT-DESIGNED SPACES WITH CREATIVE GLAZING TO INSPIRE

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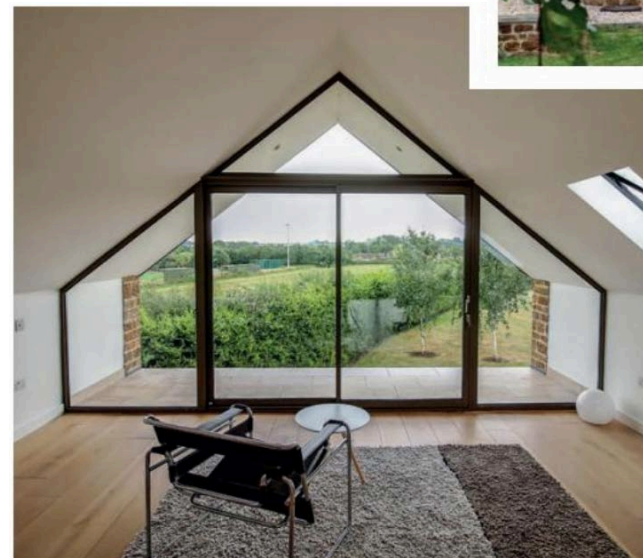
Left, below and opposite: the creative glazing in this new build home respects the surrounding Victorian architecture  
Bottom: a large expanse of glazing over the gable end allows this barn conversion to really make the most of its views



## ▲ HIGH SOCIETY

In this new development, creative glazing has been used to make the very best of natural daylight, keeping the look light and airy whilst staying sympathetic to the surrounding Victorian architecture. At its heart, the scheme integrates modern function and light as key design components, with ceiling heights reaching an impressive 3.4m in some apartments. Angled, black-framed glazing brings a cool, industrial edge to a light and bright penthouse study room, while in the elegant bathroom, light-loving floor-to-ceiling glazing frames its ornate neighbouring home, creating a heady contrast that playfully marries the classic with the contemporary. [sohollandpark.com](http://sohollandpark.com)

*“The glazed links between each of the new villas were designed to sit as quietly as possible whilst offering a polished transition set back from the richness of the main frontage. Layered with projecting fins, this adds more interest, rather than simple flat glazing. At the fourth floor, the building steps back with a contemporary mansard roof and glazing in order to create a visually recessive crown to the building.”*  
Liam Saxby, Studio Indigo



## ◀ GREEN GABLES

For this striking barn conversion, the brief was to add large expanses of glazing with narrow, contemporary profiles that delivered on durability, without compromising on style. Thames Valley Window Company came up trumps with floor-to-ceiling gable end windows, which were chosen to flood the internal room with daylight, whilst maintaining uninterrupted countryside views. In keeping with the original architecture, the gable end glazing brings a sense of grandeur and symmetry to this characterful property – a sanctuary-like holiday home away from the city. Proving that going bold pays dividends, the house boasts a harmonious blend of contemporary and traditional styles. [tvwindows.com](http://tvwindows.com)

*“Working closely with the homeowners, it was decided that Solurlux slimline aluminium sliding doors would be installed in a beige grey colour to complement the honey-coloured stonework and seamlessly integrate the old with the new. Insulated aluminium frames, with sealed joints and Planitherm toughened glass delivered excellent thermal performance and superior weather resistance.”* Ryan Thomas, Thames Valley Window Company