

HOME

House #2

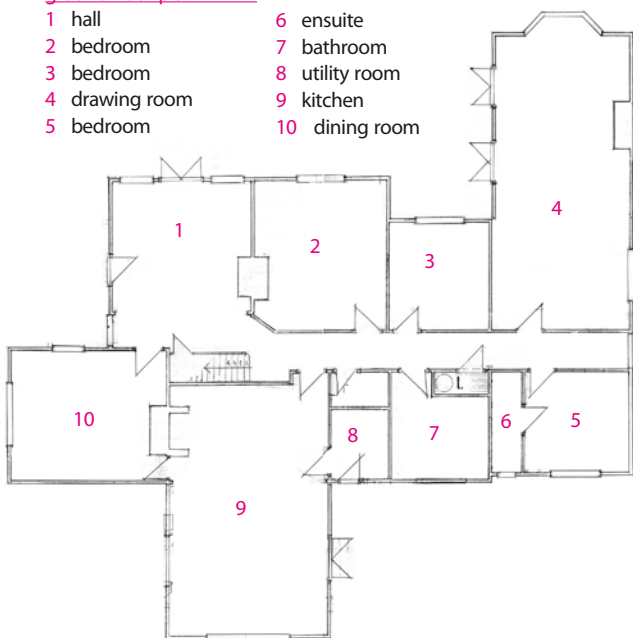
Norton Bavant

French doors leading out to a raised verandah are accessed from the master bedroom which sits at the top of the house; the Elsters paid close attention to detail throughout, choosing simple furnishings complemented by neutral colours



ground floor plan

- 1 hall
- 2 bedroom
- 3 bedroom
- 4 drawing room
- 5 bedroom
- 6 ensuite
- 7 bathroom
- 8 utility room
- 9 kitchen
- 10 dining room



By the summer of 2002, the pressure of Tim's consultancy work and the constant decision-making of the restoration were taking their toll. For a couple of months he wanted nothing to do with the house. 'I just wanted to get rid of it, finished or not,' he says. Despite her initial reservations, Carolyn had been a constant support, and now she came to the fore, pushing through the remaining work so the family could finally leave the mobile homes in November 2002.

Norton Bavant today is a permanent version of the original structure. The house sits on a wall plate of English oak and is properly insulated – four-inch Celotex has substituted the original horsehair felt 'draught excluder'. Although much of the original structure had to be replaced, the proportions have barely altered. 'I'm told that Biddy Cormack would have approved,' says Tim. 'I hope so.' ★
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