

The new English country house

Increasingly, flexible lifestyles are creating a fresh type of English country house that is a hybrid of home and office, with plenty of guest accommodation. Arabella Youens asks leading experts about the changing nature of the far-flung rural idyll



The renovation of a Grade II-listed Cotswolds house by Pippa Paton (01865 595470; www.pippapatondesign.co.uk) included the creation of this vaulted gym complex