



# Housing Style

## English Influenced 1930's to 1940

This was a return during the 1930's to a romantic, rustic English revival in housing styles. This period included 'Mock Tudor' and the 'English Country House'.

Mock Tudor construction took the form and plans of the homes from abroad and were sometimes built in half timber, half stucco.

Often double storey and built of cavity brick with tiled terracotta roofs. These homes scattered sparsely throughout city and towns do not dominate but do provide interesting comment upon some architectural values of the day. These homes presented a departure for home owners who felt fortunate to escape local idioms at the time.

Based on post and beam and bracing structural timber was exposed, and this formed the dominant walling feature of the Mock Tudor style.

Contrasting colours painted on exposed structural members set them apart from stone, brick or stucco infill between structural members to walls.

Red brick, shingles, slate or terracotta steeply pitched roofs with the appearance of a low pitching point on walls add to the look.

Corbelled brickwork, tall chimneys and diamond pattern leadlight windows complete the impression.

Constructed similarly in cavity brick the English Country House is more bulky and austere in appearance. A combination of hipped roof lines and Dutch gables dominate a less decorative treatment than the Mock Tudor.

### **Positive Features and Renovation Potential**

To an extent these homes and 'Spanish Mission Homes' will always enjoy a unique investment potential in Queensland as they provide a point of international historical contrast and relief to the local vernacular timber Queensland housing of inner suburban areas.