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The combed wheat reed thatching tradition.

Here at Higher Uppacott the roof retains its traditional combed wheat reed roof, sometimes known as Devon reed roof, and it's laid in a very traditional manner so we have deep overhanging eaves; there's no guttering provided, as you see the edge of the thatched roof is sinuously following the wall line and at the top of the thatched roof we have a traditional ridge detail, very simple, very plain, flush with the main roof plan, unlike in other parts of Britain where we get projecting ridge details and patterned ridge details, in Devon it is a very simple tradition.