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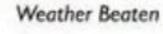
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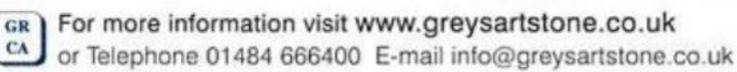
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Solar Flair

With the cost of living and climate change on everybody's minds, solar power is back on the agenda. Not only has the technology got better but it's also surprisingly simple to install. So here - compliments of EDF Energy - is your guide to giving your house a greener future.

he house of the future doesn't have to look futuristic. It can look like your current home. By fitting solar panels from EDF Energy's EcoRenew range, you could generate up to 40% of the electricity or heat up to a third of the hot water² you need at home. And with the help of our Green Energy Team, it's a lot easier than you think.

Electricity or hot water? It's your choice

EDF Energy offers two types of solar-powered system. One generates electricity, the other heats water. And, if your home is suitable, there's nothing to stop you from having both. Either way, the Green Energy Team can help you decide which type of panels would be best for your home - and your pocket.

First, Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels. These are the ones that convert sunlight into electricity. They're an easy way to generate your own power at home. The panels consist of silicon cells held under glass in a rigid frame. They're usually fixed to your roof,

facing between south east and south west, to soak up as much direct daylight as possible. So, if you want to save money on your electricity bill, and reduce your carbon footprint, then a Solar PV system could be right for your home. Prices start from £10,9953. For that, you'll get a fully-installed electricity generation system that could provide up to 40% of your home's electricity needs1 and make household energy-related CO2 savings of up to 993kg4.

On the other hand, if you like the idea of having a hot shower courtesy of the sun, Solar Thermal panels could be the answer. Liquid filled pipes carry the sun's heat from the solar collector on your roof around a closed circuit to your hot water tank, where the heat is transferred to your domestic hot water supply. Just like the solar PV panels, they can be fitted onto pitched roofs facing between south east and south west.

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Talk to the experts

The Green Energy Team are our experts on the EcoRenew range. They're ready and waiting to talk you through the options. They can help you work out whether your home is suitable for solar power. Or even arrange for a free home survey. They'll also give you an idea of the costs involved and any government grants that might be available.



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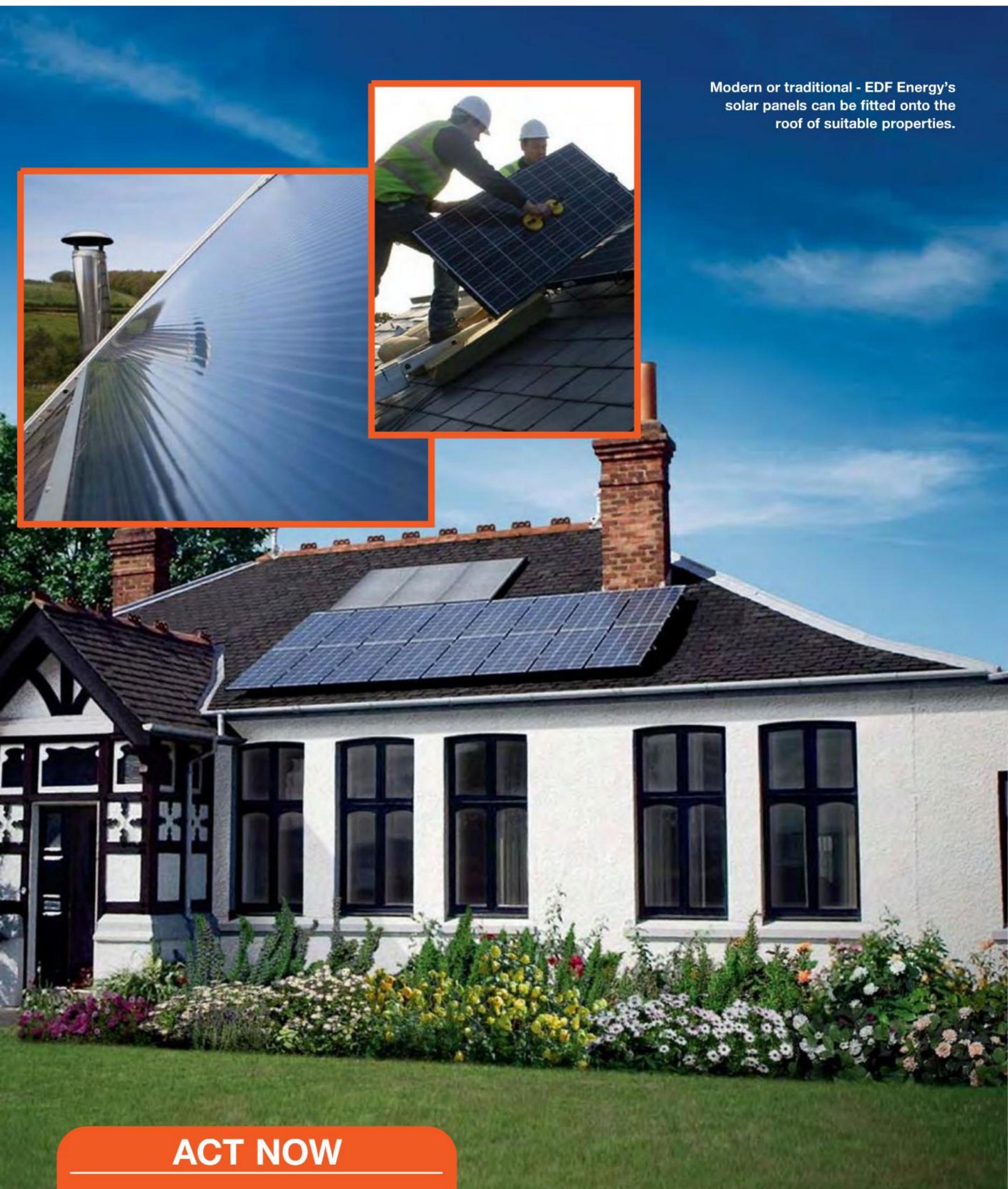
Based on generation figures provided by the Energy Saving Trust, using a standard 2.08 kWp installation generating 1,768 kWh per year and a typical average household energy consumption of 3,300 kWh per year. Actual outputs may vary.

Saving information provided by the Energy Saving Trust. Savings are approximate figures derived from an average of savings made by 4m2 flat plate and 4m2 evacuated tube Solar Thermal installations, using hot water heated by the installation in place of water heated by gas, and

based on the average water heating requirements of a three bedroom semi-detached house with gas-central heating and three occupants. Actual savings may vary. The fully installed price for EDF Energy's standard Solar PV installation is £10.995. Price includes the standard number of 16 PV panels, the inverter, cabling and fixings. Saving of 993kg of CO₂ per year based on information. provided by the Energy Saving Trust, using a standard 2.08 kWp installation generating 1,768 kWh per year. Actual savings may vary.

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Editors Update

Thermal Mass Explained

Concrete and masonry are building materials that steadily absorb any heat that comes into contact with surfaces. The heat is conducted inwardly and stored until the surface is exposed to cooler conditions and its temperature begins to drop. When this occurs, any heat begins to migrate back to the cooler surface and is released. In this way, heat moves in a wave like motion, alternately being absorbed and released in response to the variation in day and night-time conditions. Exploiting thermal mass on a year-round basis is not difficult, but does require consideration at the outset of the design process when requirements for the building form, fabric and orientation are being established. This guide explains what thermal mass is, and how best to utilise it. To download or order your hard copy visit

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The Low Carbon Lifestyle Choice

New research from the internationally renowned construction consultants Davis Langdon shows that Wood Window Alliance (WWA) wood windows actually store more CO₂ than they emit over their lifetimes.

This is because all WWA windows are made from wood harvested from sustainably managed forests. In other words, more trees are planted than are harvested, meaning that CO₂ is absorbed from the atmosphere rather than being emitted.

This absorption more than balances out WWA wood windows' share of CO₂ emissions, including transport, production, maintenance and disposal. The results of the study mean that homeowners can now be sure that when they purchase WWA wood windows they are doing their bit for the planet. In fact, calculations carried out by WWA suggest that if all the seven million windows replaced in Britain in 2007 had been made from sustainably sourced timber, the country could have saved around 750,000 tonnes CO₂e³ over a 60-year building service life, so wood really could become the window to a sustainable future.

Since its launch in September 2007, the WWA has forged ahead with its plans to highlight the thermal efficiency, durability and beauty of 21st century wood windows, targeting professional, trade and consumer audiences. However, because the WWA puts quality and sustainability at the heart of its campaign, all members must meet high standards to be able to display its heart and tree brandmark.



Spectacular Country House Design Receives Planning Consent

Reid Jubb Brown Architecture has seen its spectacular country house design at Ghyllheugh near Longhorsley, Northumberland receive the North East's first PPS7 planning consent. This is the first design ever to be given the green light without going to appeal and only the fifteenth to do so since the 'contemporary country house' clause was introduced.

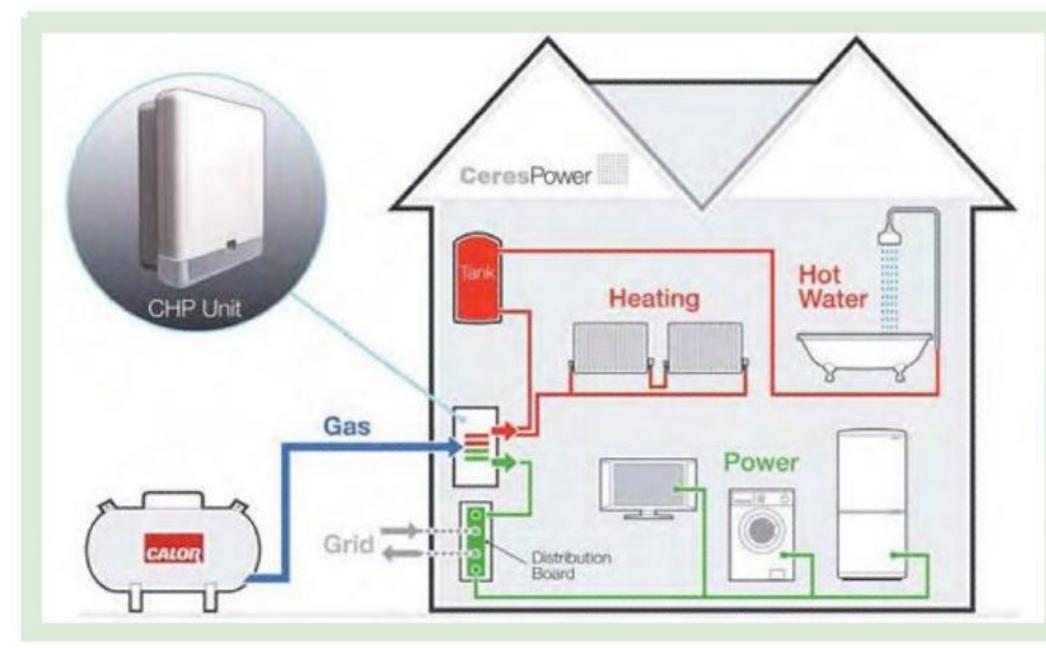
Planning Policy Statement 7 (PPS7): Sustainable Development in Rural Areas establishes Government policy on a range of rural planning issues. Key paragraph 11 states:

"Very occasionally the exceptional quality and innovative nature of the design of a proposed, isolated new house may provide this special justification for granting planning permission.

Such a design should be truly outstanding and groundbreaking, for example, in its use of materials, methods of construction or its contribution to protecting and enhancing the environment, so helping to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas. The value of such a building will be found in its reflection of the highest standards in contemporary architecture, the significant enhancement of its immediate setting and its sensitivity to the defining characteristics of the local area."

The basic structure of Lake House is a strong, sculpted shell made from green oak, forming waves and curves. The unique looking roof, a timber grid shell structure, was designed not just because of its appearance but because it possesses inherent strength and is economical with the materials used. It is the first time ever this type of design has been used in a domestic building.

Innovative residential properties in other parts of the UK which have successfully gained planning consent under PPS7 include a home in Ashby cum Fenby, Lincolnshire designed by Fielden Clegg Bradley, Wilderness House, Suffolk designed by Paul + O Architects and most recently Mines Farm in Weston Green, Weston Colville designed by 6a Architects in London.

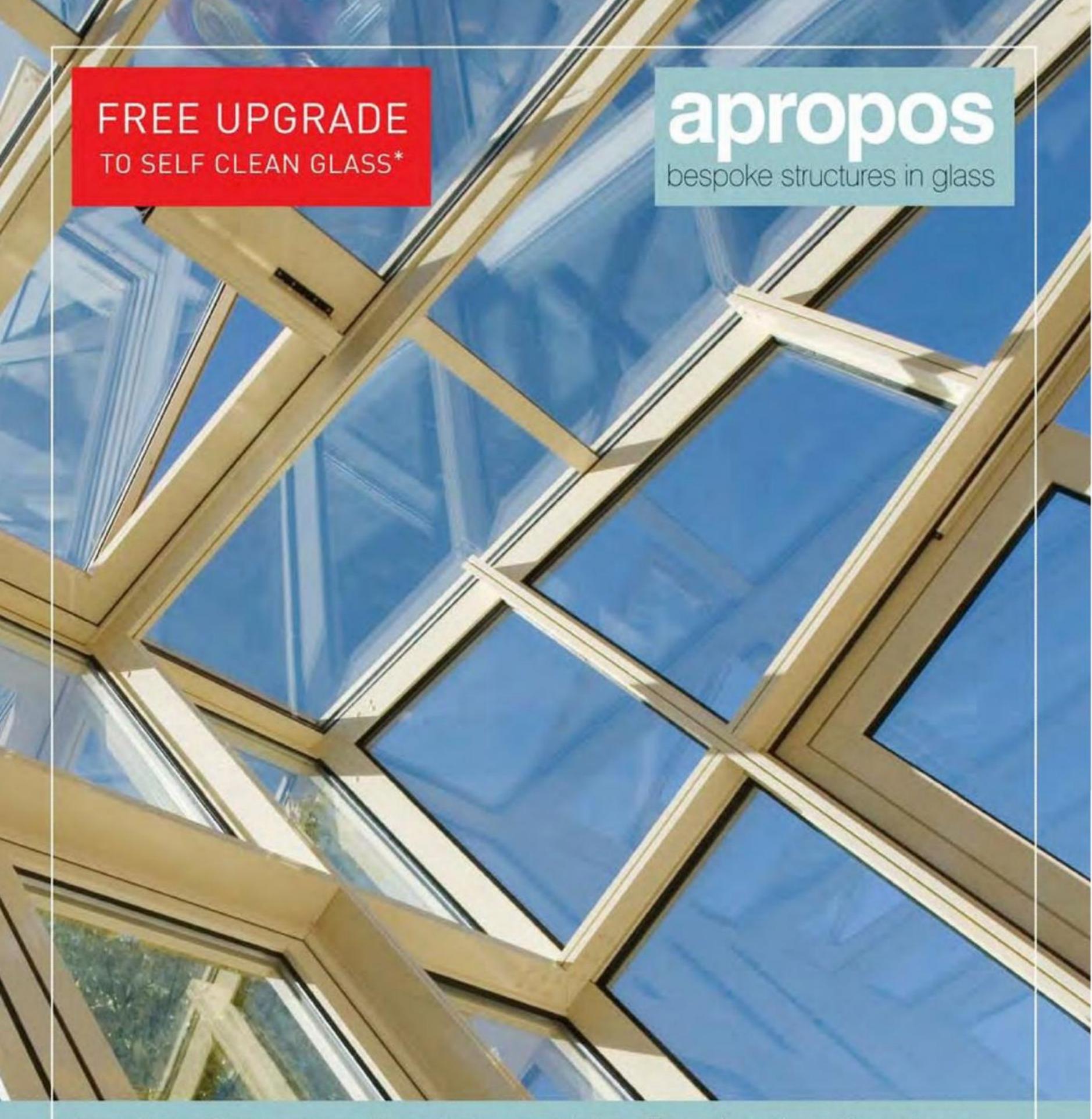


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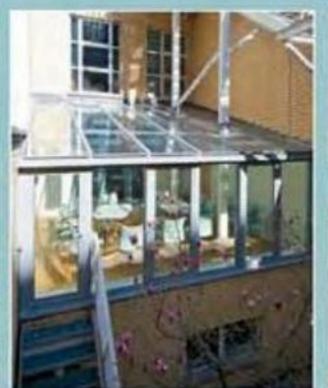
Calor's Laura Luty said "Providing green energy solutions for the rural community is at the heart of Calor. This convenient, low-carbon, cost-effective, environmentally friendly product will transform the rural central heating market."



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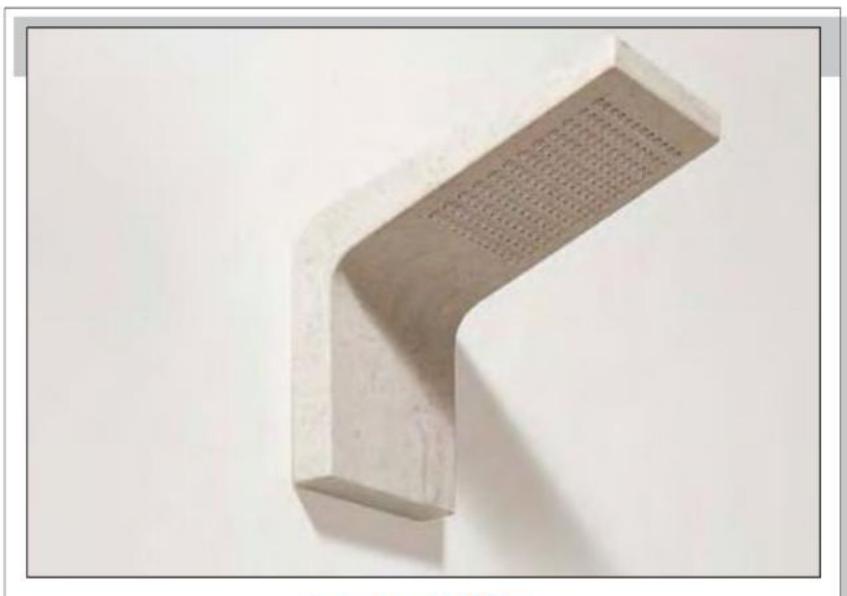
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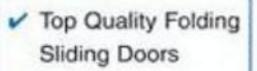
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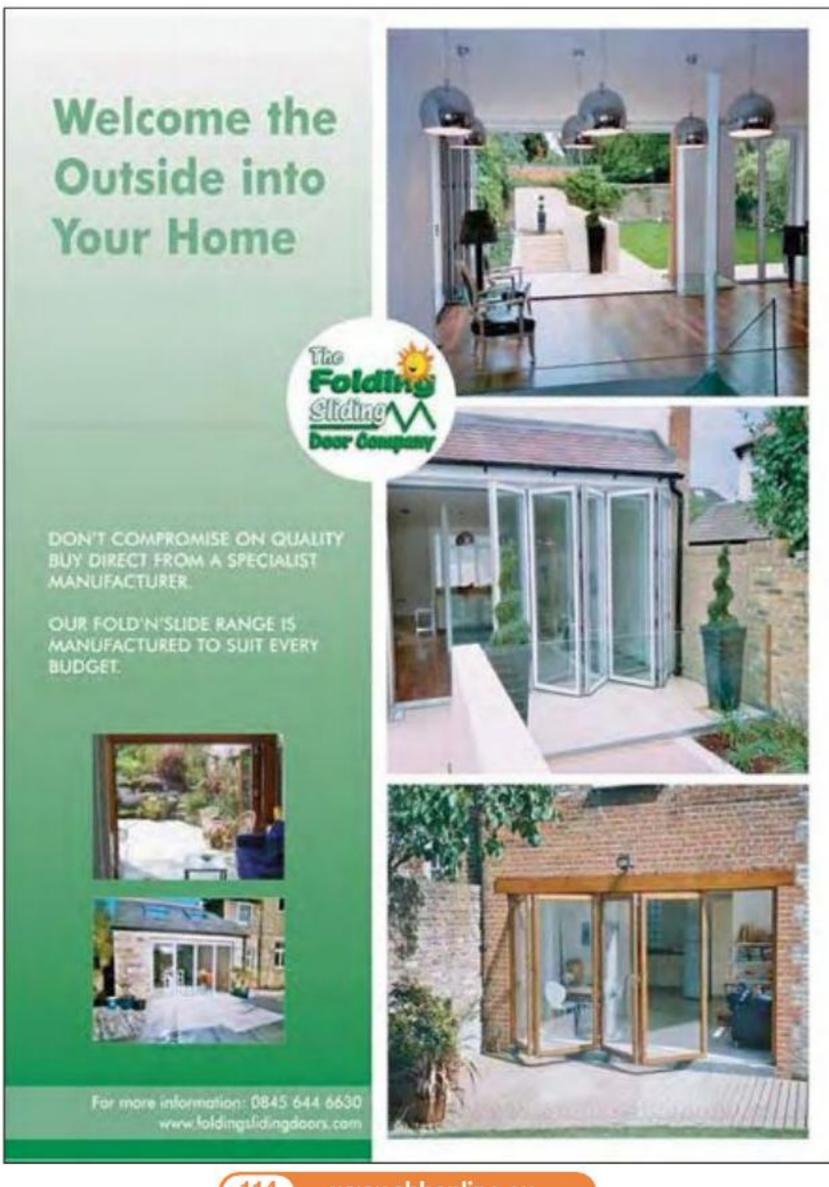
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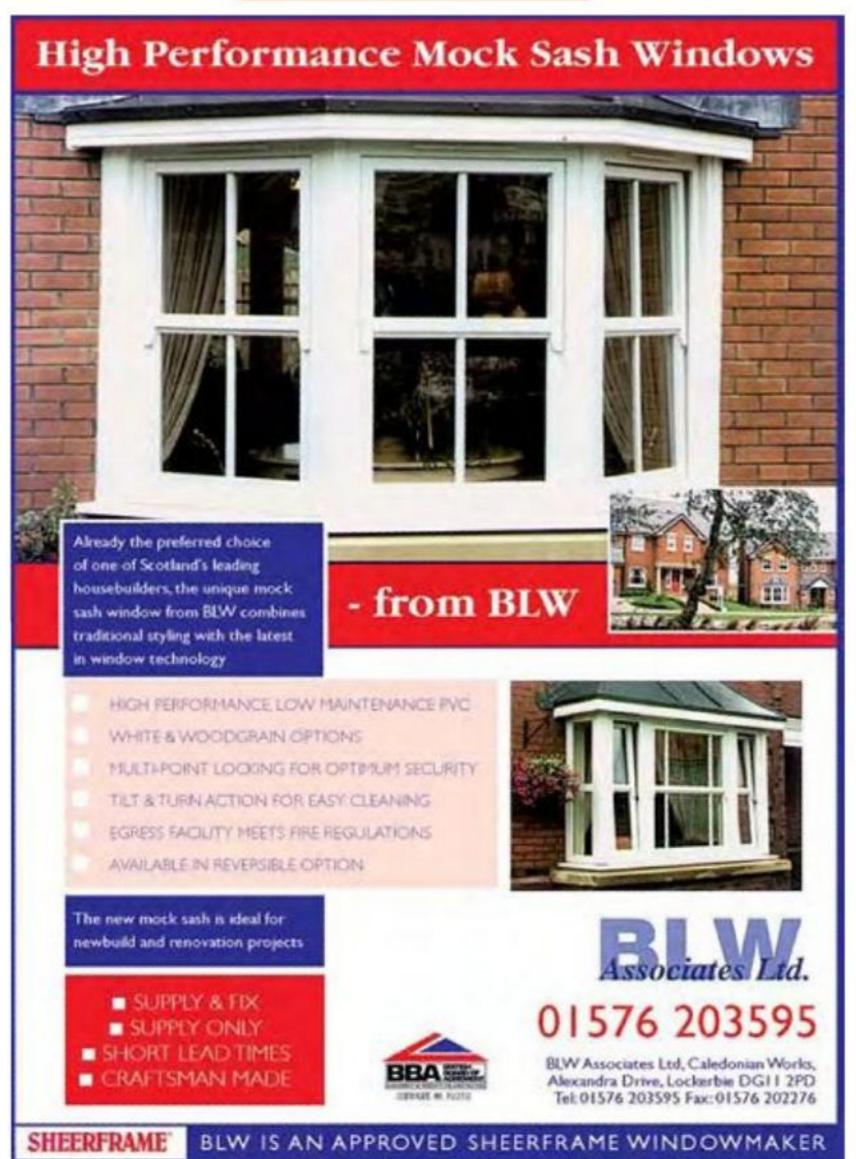
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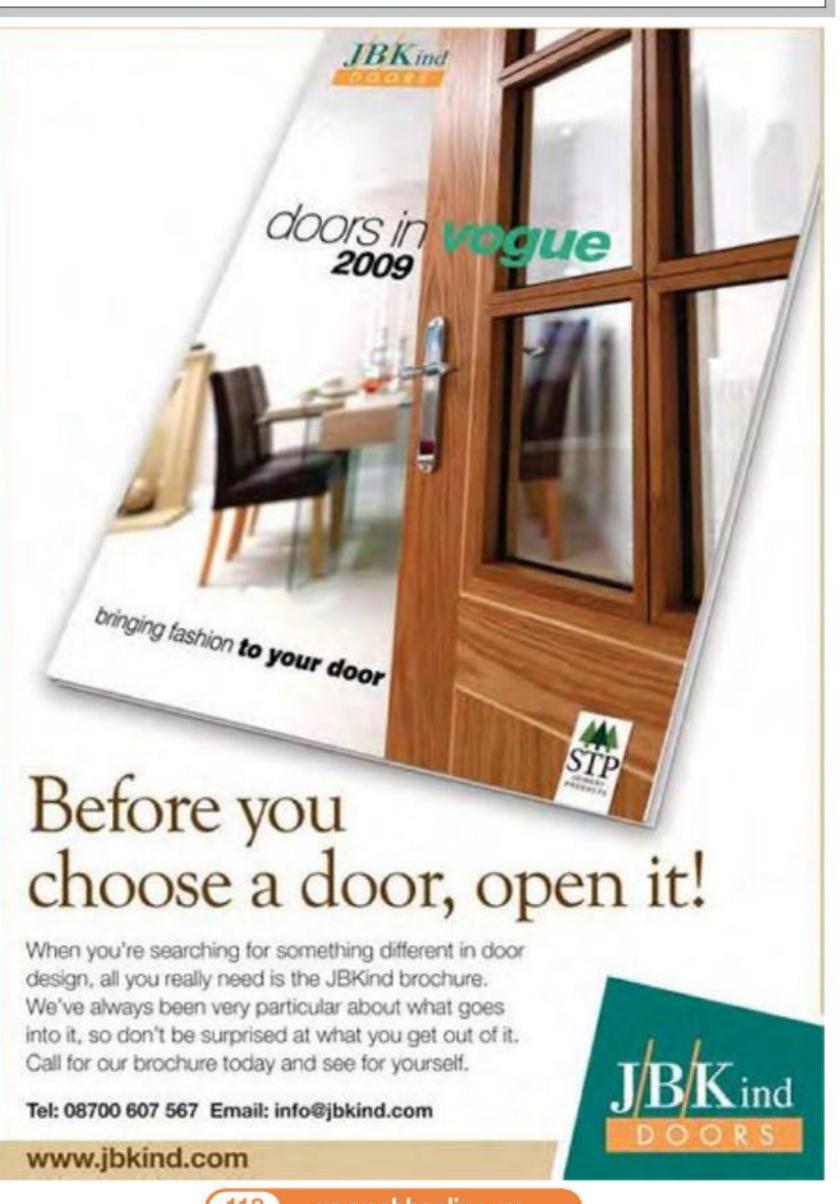


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New Amendments to Part G

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On October 1st 2009, new regulations in England and Wales will come into force that will have a big impact on the way new homes are designed and built, incorporating for the first time environmental aspects of water usage. It is vital that self builders should familiarise themselves with the new requirements and that qualified professionals are engaged to carry out any plumbing and heating work.

Part G of the Building Regulations has been in development for a number of years, and the new Approved Document will replace the three part 1992 edition with a six part document representing the changes in industry practice over the recent years. There have been many drivers behind the changes to this document including water conservation and health and safety, and these are represented in the new title: Sanitation, Hot Water Safety and Water Efficiency.

The intention of these new requirements is to align the building regulations with modern best practice with regards to sanitation and hot and cold water supply, and also improve hot water

safety and water efficiency.

Part G has always included requirements for the provision of hot and cold water to sanitary installations, however, by stating where wholesome hot and cold water are required, the new Approved Document G allows for the use of non wholesome water (i.e. rainwater or recycled rainwater) to be used to supply water from flushing WCs and urinals, and for clothes washing machines and irrigation systems.

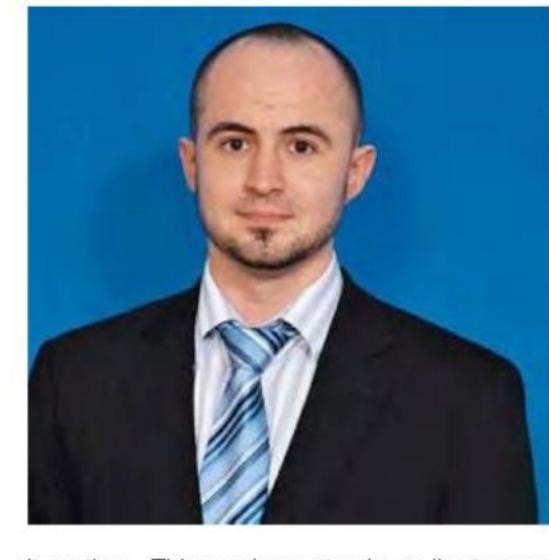
To coincide with the new Part G coming into force, another Regulation (17K) has been included which requires a maximum average daily water demand of 125 litres per person per day. The implications of this will be that when designing and building a house, careful consideration will need to be given to the water usage, requiring careful selection of taps, fittings and appliances.

A water calculator has been developed to accompany Approved Document G, and this calculator provides the methodology to calculate the 125 litres per person per day.

At the design stage the designer will need to use

the calculator to predict the per person water usage, and then at build stage, the installers will need to install the taps, fittings and appliances using the calculator. The completed calculator (with evidence of fittings installed) will need to be submitted to the local building control body upon completion of the building, to prove that Regulation 17K has been satisfied, and failure to do so will result in a completion notice not being issued for the building.

This is not intended to be a performance requirement that will limit consumption to less than 125 litres per person per day, the intention is that the use of water efficient taps, fittings and appliances will reduce water consumption and discourage the specification of high water consuming



alternatives. This requirement only applies to new dwellings and dwellings created as the result of a material change of use (for example converting a barn into one or more dwellings). It is estimated that at present we use 150 litres per person per day, and that by using more efficient systems we can make this reduction easily, and there are taps, fittings and appliances available on the market at present that will enable this 25 litres reduction. Where there is a desire to install higher water consuming appliances and fittings, the calculator allows for this to be offset via the use of recycled rainwater/grey water, and this should be carefully calculated using the calculator methodology.

One of the other key inclusions in the new Approved Document G is the requirement for baths in new dwellings (and those created as the result of a material change of use) to have the supply of hot water limited to a maximum temperature 48°C (the average adult bathing temperature is around 41°C) by the use of an in-line blending valve (also known as a thermostatic mixing valve (TMV)) or other appropriate device.

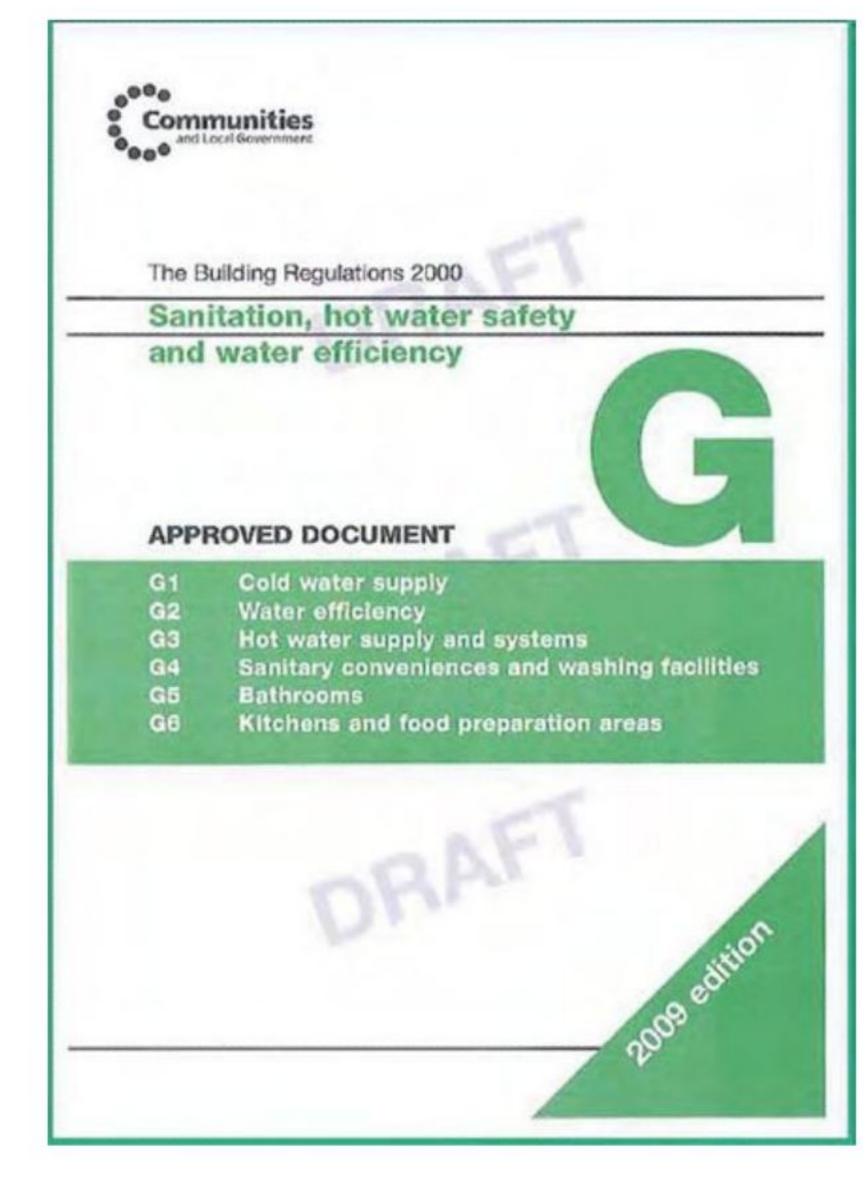
This addition to the regulations is for public health and safety. Each year 15 people are killed and there are approximately 787 serious injuries as a result of high temperature bath water. It is hoped that these new provisions will help to significantly reduce these figures.

The requirements also state that TMVs should be accessible, not be easily altered by the homeowner and be suitable for the system they are installed onto. The valves selected for this purposes should be those that comply with the appropriate Standards (BSEN 1287/BSEN 1111.

The new requirements have been introduced to ensure that hot water systems are installed in a 'workmanlike manner' and in compliance with other relevant Standards and Regulations.

The correct and safe installation of hot water system is also highlighted for open vented systems (those with a cold water storage cistern, usually in the roof space). Over recent years there have been 2 fatalities associated with the incorrect installation of this type of hot water system, and these Regulations now emphasise this fact requiring all hot water systems to be correctly installed.

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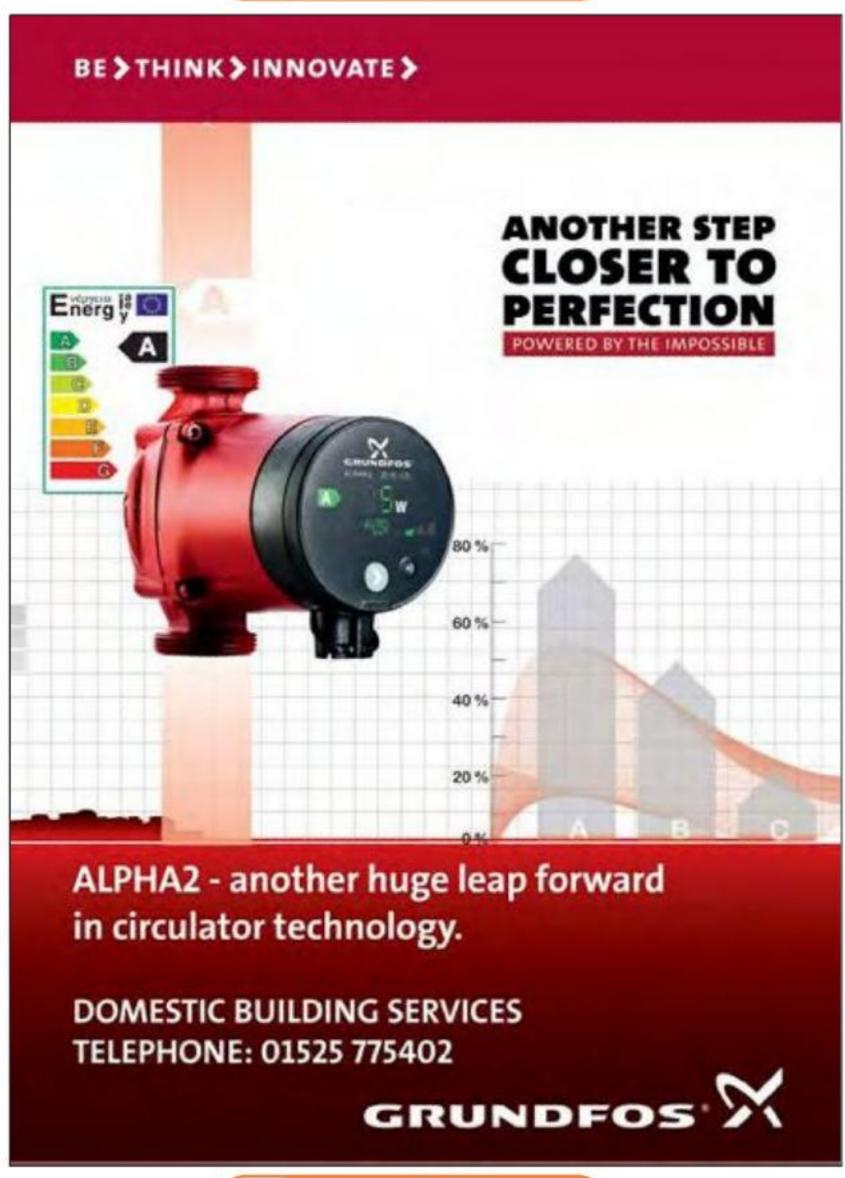
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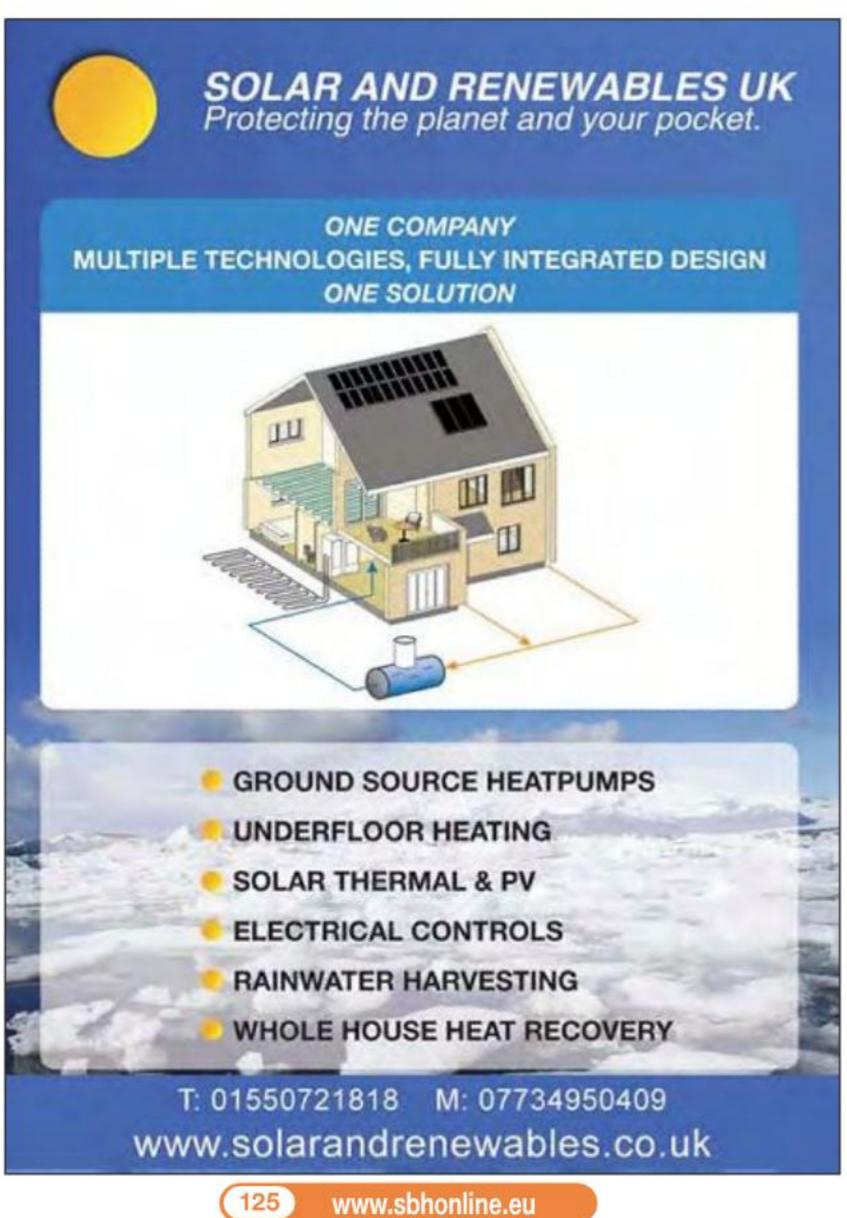
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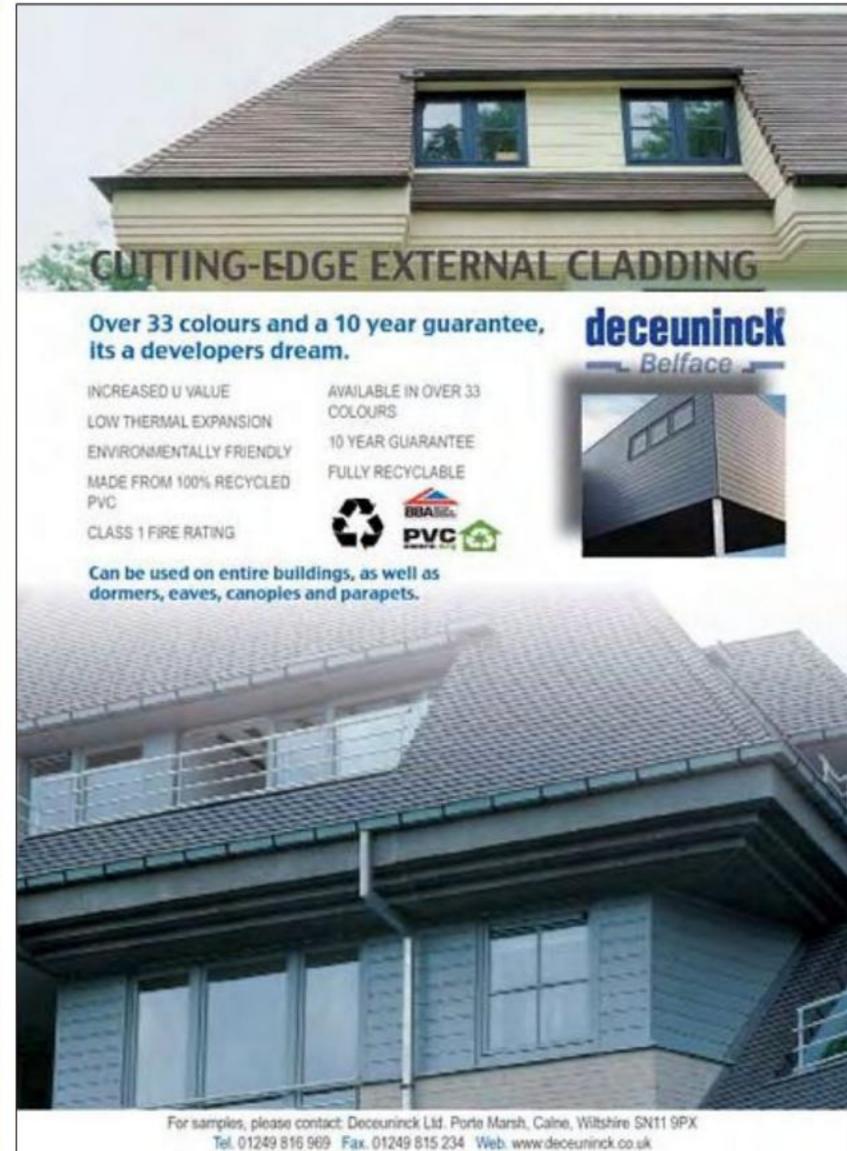
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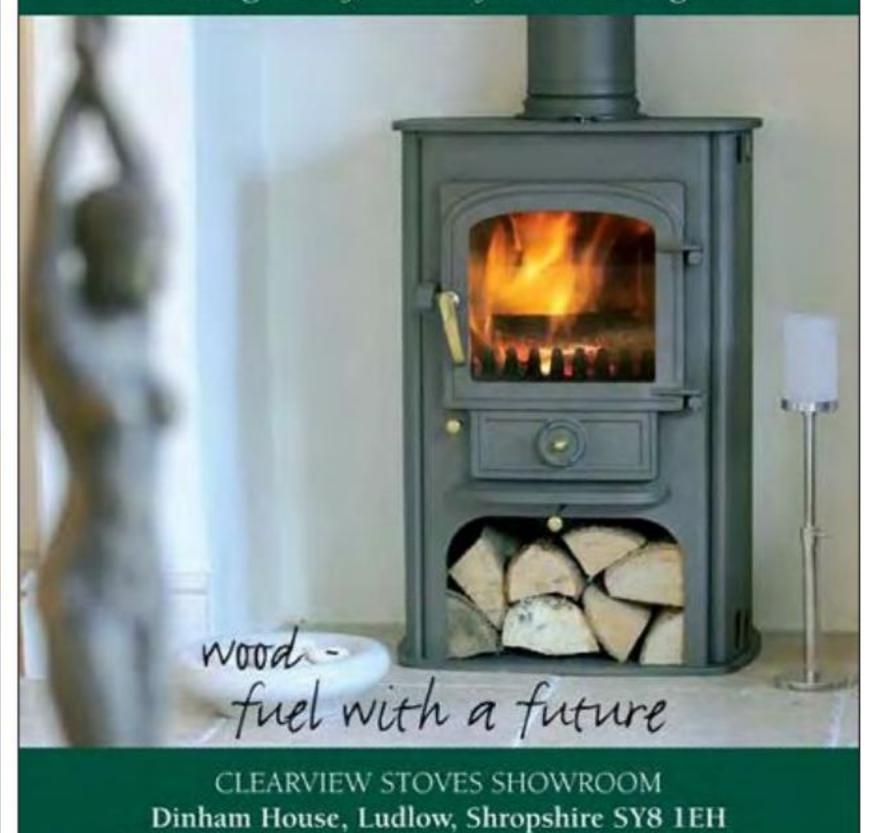


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Protecting Your Investment

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ncreasingly, more people are opting to self build due to its many advantages. Building your own home is, without doubt, a challenging project that probably involves the biggest investment you'll ever make. Of course, you'll be keen to ensure that your new home is properly built to the highest standards, but even with the best intentions things can go wrong and mistakes can happen. The consequences can be expensive and heartbreaking. That's why it is so important to ensure that your investment is protected.

Self Build Insurance

NHBC is the leading warranty and insurance provider for new homes in the UK. Established over 70 years ago as a not-for-profit company, NHBC's primary purpose is to raise standards in the new house building industry and provides consumer protection for new home buyers.

As well as providing the 10-year insurance policy on new homes, which currently protects around 1.7 million homes in the UK, NHBC also provides protection for self builders.

An especially designed self build policy is available, to protect home owners against the risks of building their own home, providing cover during the building process as well as ten years after completion. Although it does not cover everything, it is a comprehensive and cost effective way of controlling risks. It also gives

self builders the freedom to have the building work done by individual contractors of their choosing, or to build some or all of the work themselves.

The benefits of the SCC are:

- Knowing that work covered by an SCC has been professionally inspected by NHBC
- Fewer disputes regarding quality; if it is made a condition of your building contracts with contractors that payments are subject to NHBC's SCCs
- Easier to obtain finance; your mortgage lender is covered in respect of work for which NHBC have issued an SCC in exactly the same way as you are.

Cover During the Build

NHBC will inspect the work at carefully defined stages. If the work at each stage complies with NHBC's technical standards they will issue Stage Completion Certificates (SCC). If it transpires (within one month after the issue of the Insurance Notice) that any of the work breaches its technical standards, NHBC will (subject to policy limits) pay for the cost of putting it right.

When you register the home with NHBC they will send you a copy of NHBC's Standards for construction and answer any technical queries you may have regarding them as the work progresses.

The Inspection

NHBC's inspection regime is based around a series of inspections which take place at key times during the construction of your home. NHBC will visit your development around nine times during construction. One of the advantages of using NHBC is that they provide you with a site record book which will be used to record each visit, their findings, a diary of progress on site, each approved stage, and all the contact information you need for NHBC.

Cover Once the Building Work is Completed

Once the work is signed off as completed by the NHBC inspector, they will send you the Insurance Certificate covering the ten years following completion.

NHBC will pay the full cost, if it is more than £1,000 indexed, of putting right any actual physical damage caused by a defect in any of the following parts of the home:

- Foundations
- · Load-bearing walls
- Non load-bearing partition walls
- · Wet-applied wall plaster
- External render and external vertical tile hanging
- · Load-bearing parts of the roof
- · Tile and slate coverings to pitched roofs
- · Ceilings
- · Load-bearing parts of the floors
- Staircases and internal floor decking and screeds where these fail to support normal loads
- Newly built retaining walls necessary for the structural stability of the home
- Double or triple glazing panes to external windows and doors
- Newly built below-ground drainage for which you are responsible
 NHBC will also cover:
- The cost of putting right any defect in a flue or chimney which causes a present or imminent danger to the physical health and safety of anyone normally living in the home.
- Any reasonable costs you incur by prior arrangement with us for removal, storage and appropriate alternative accommodation if it is necessary for you or anyone normally living in the home to be moved out so that work can be done.

The cover is fully transferable to subsequent owners if you sell the home. In addition to the core cover there are options available at extra cost.

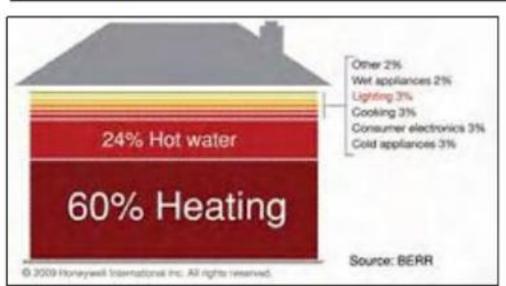
NHBC strongly recommends that when embarking on a self build project you obtain professional advice regarding, amongst other things:

- · Public and Employers Liability
- · Contract Works Insurance
- Title Guarantee
- · Personal Accident Insurance

NHBC Standards

NHBC's Standards are widely accepted as the principal standards for house construction in the UK. NHBC believes that prevention is better than cure and our Standards are continually reviewed and amended to minimise defects.

Honeywell Home Comfort Controls



Initiatives to save energy and reduce carbon emissions are missing the massive value of using up to date home heating controls, says Honeywell. The right choice of heating controls can also help the boiler

operate more efficiently and prolong its life. Honeywell recently launched its DT90 range of digital room thermostats which provide more accurate temperature control than traditional home thermostats and uniquely also match boiler firing to the load on the system.

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Daikin Airconditioning UK



Daikin Airconditioning UK Ltd. has further expanded its award winning Altherma™ heat pump range. Following its low temperature (Altherma™ Split) and the Altherma™ Monobloc versions, Daikin announces an Altherma™ high temperature air-to-water residential version, Altherma™ HT. Altherma™ HT is a unique air to water heat pump system offering high temperature heating. Its efficient two-step compression guarantees water temperatures in radiators to 80°C without the need for a booster heater.

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Ideal Boilers

The popular Isar combination boiler range has been upgraded with industry-leading components to further enhance its reliability. Each model in the Isar HE and Isar + Programmer ranges now features high quality waterset components from market leading manufacturers to further improve the reliability of the range. Dave Simpson, marketing director at



Ideal Boilers, explains: "By incorporating high quality components into the Isar range [...] we can provide installers with further reassurance and confidence in our products."

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Euroheat

New for this season is a range of heating stoves from Euroheat that have power and presence.

The C range has a contemporary industrial-chic look, which is softened with classic elegant lines.

More importantly, the stoves reduce carbon footprint and emissions as well as fuel bills, because they run on seasoned wood or smokeless coal and have an efficiency rating of over 78%. There are three models in the C range to suit



different room dimensions and heating requirements. The stoves all come with the advanced features expected of a Euroheat stove.

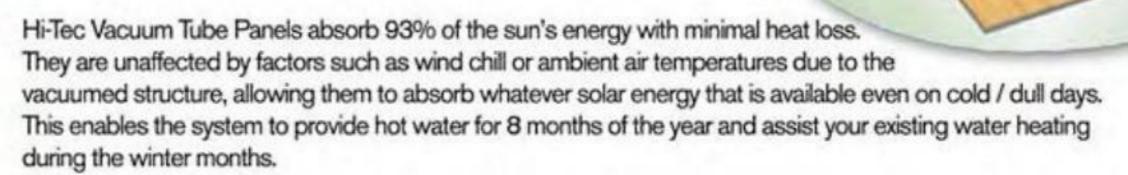
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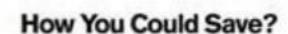
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Solar heating is rapidly growing in the UK and the Warwickshire Window Company can supply the system to meet your needs.

Around a third of carbon emissions in the UK come from the home. Solar heating systems offer people the chance to make a real difference to the environment by reducing the output of greenhouse gases. Solar heating products from the Warwickshire Window Company can meet part or all of a home's domestic needs, and that renewable energy can be a sound financial investment, as well as a sound investment to our future.





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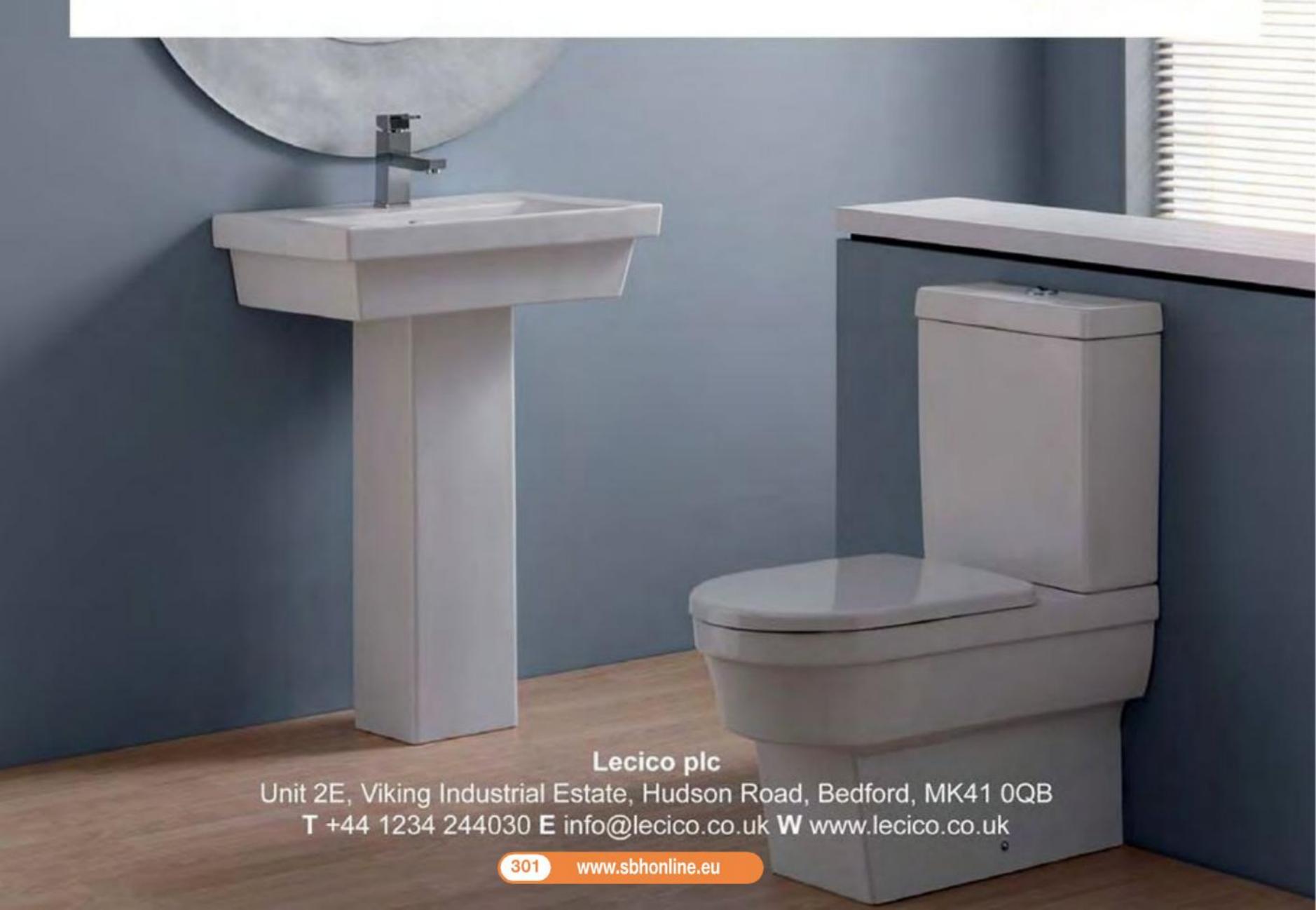
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Donaldson Timber Engineering (DTE)

Whichever method you choose for building your home, choosing timber roof and floor systems can make a big difference to the sustainability, speed and efficiency of your project. Donaldson Timber Engineering can help you make the right choices. DTE's product range includes: Trussed Rafters, Spandrel Panels, SIRS: Structural



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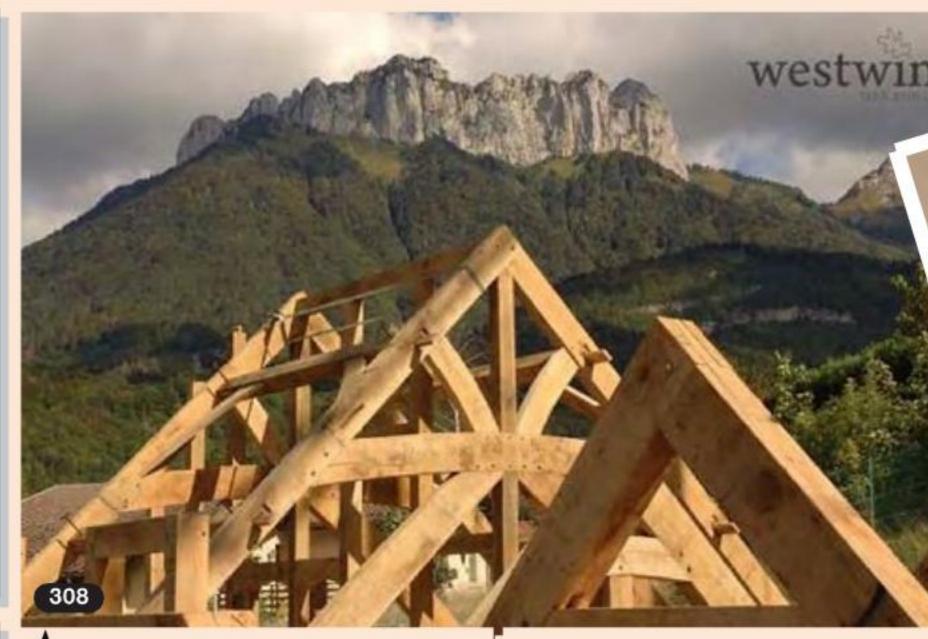
All DTE products are manufactured from sustainably sourced timber.

DTE has seven manufacturing bases throughout the UK.

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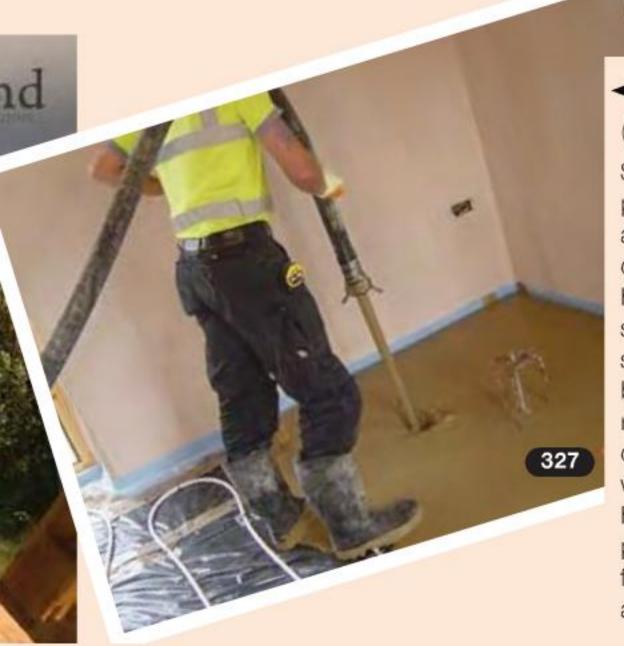
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Westwind Oak Buildings, established for over 20 years, has a reputation for unique, hand crafted bespoke projects. Recognised as a front runner in the construction of both contemporary and traditionally designed green oak framed buildings, Westwind Oak has worked on projects throughout the UK and across Europe. Many of Westwind's current projects are generated from past clients, delighted with the high standards of craftsmanship and quality of service that has been provided. Sustainability has always been a priority for Westwind Oak Buildings, with all our timber coming from carefully managed woodlands.









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Selfbuild & Contract Floors primarily lay flowing screed and underfloor heating for clients building their own homes. We have a very strong focus on customer service and have built our business on individual recommendation. As a company we undertake a wide range of underfloor heating and screeding projects, large and small, from cellar conversions to apartment blocks.

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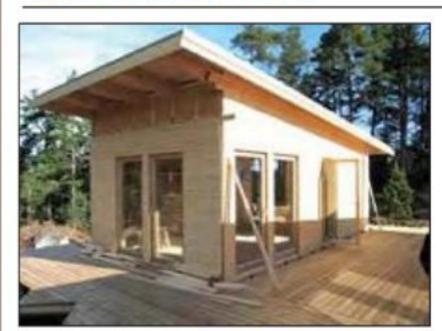
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≺ Sunfold Systems

Sunfold Systems offers a comprehensive portfolio of high security front door. Stylish and contemporary, all doors are manufactured with a three point locking system and unique high security cylinders to offer the highest levels of protection. Front doors in the Sunfold range have been manufactured using double-sided aluminium attachment panels. The aluminium on the exterior and interior surface provides superior resistance to forced entry as well as improving acoustic performance and aesthetic design. The high security cylinder locks employ anti-pick shaped pins, anti-drill protection and a magnetic key with moving components to protect against forced entry and any unauthorised duplication.

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Metrotile UK is proud to announce the improved Shingle lightweight steel roofing system profile, a truly versatile product that features numerous benefits. Metrotile Shingle also doubles as a vertical cladding solution, as favoured by Councils for the refurbishment of Cornish Units or BISFs. Roofing or cladding,

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a significant increase in sales as well as a general upsurge in interest in the system. The ELWA website has seen enquiries rise 20% compared to the same period last year whilst some members are reporting a business upturn of up to 25% based on a similar comparison.

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Slimlite Double Glazing

Slimlite Double Glazing Co Ltd, introduced Slimlite to the market in 2005 and is now distributing all over the UK and Ireland. They vary in thickness from 9mm to 14mm and comply with Building Regulations. They are filled with a mixture of Xenon and Krypton gas and in combination with a low emissivity glass a U-Value between 1.9 to 1.6 is achieved. Single Glazing U-Value 5.4, but most importantly have a perimeter seal of only 5mm which enables them to be fitted into most single glazed type windows as seen on Grand Designs TV.



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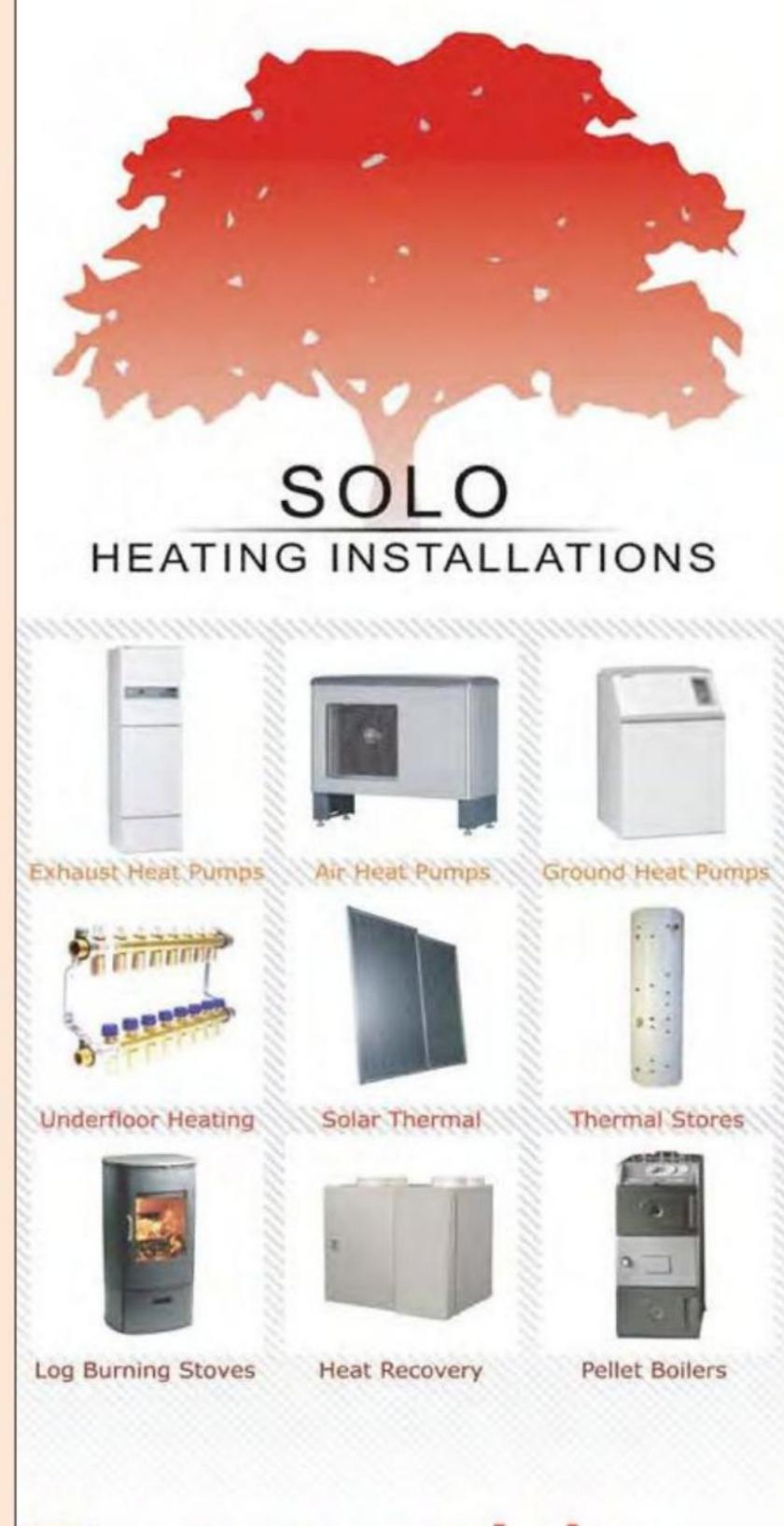
▲ Electrorad

Electrorad are the sole U.K. suppliers for two ranges of electric radiators, Aeroflow dynamic storage radiators from Germany and Digi-Line dynamic fluid radiators from Sweden. The Aeroflow range has elements encased within fireclay stone heat plates to give a storage capacity, while the Digi-Line range is filled with a thermal fluid which expands when heated and covers the entire surface area. Both products have integral room thermostats.



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Garador



Garador Ltd has re-launched its popular collection of colours which are available across all steel doors in the manufacturer's range. Suiting all tastes and styles of homes, Garador garage doors are available in red, blue, green and black, in addition to the white and brown already

offered. Simon Hipgrave, Garador's managing director, said: "We have [...] acted on research and comments from installers which indicated that consumers would appreciate a greater choice in the colours available for their garage doors."

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Hörmann UK

There is no escape from the fact that we are experiencing challenging times, and this is no more apparent than in the construction sector. Hörmann has introduced a brand new garage and entrance door package which has been deliberately designed to help support the industry by offering top quality products at a hugely



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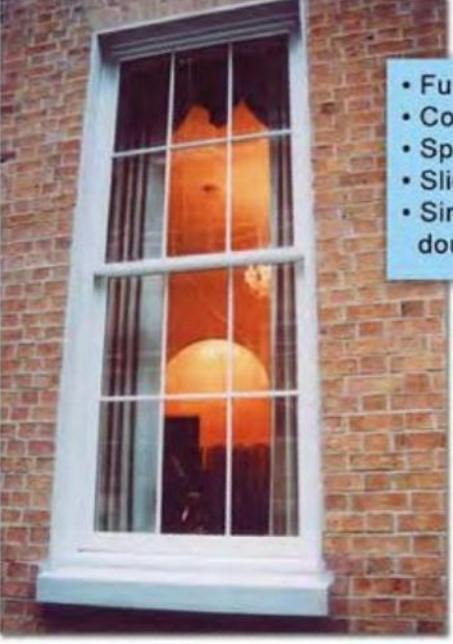


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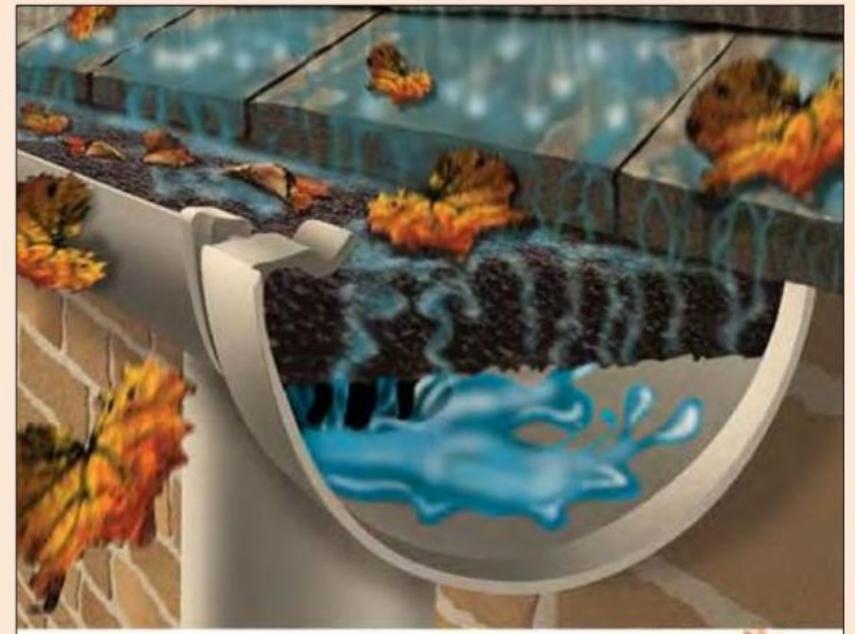


Kenton Floors

Kenton Floors has recently supplied 2500m² of Woodpecker Raglan Oak select lacquer to and exclusive redevelopment of 29 apartments in Cheltenham.

The product was chosen after extensive comparisons with alternatives products for because it met two important criteria. The first benefit was the unique ceramic lacquer which gives the product a wear rating that is two and half times more durable than usual wood finishes and secondly it offered tremendous value as the cost was not much greater than a quality laminate. The Raglan products are a single plank with bevels on the long edges available in 6 species, Oak, Maple, Cherry, Walnut, Beech and Ash and 13 different finishes.

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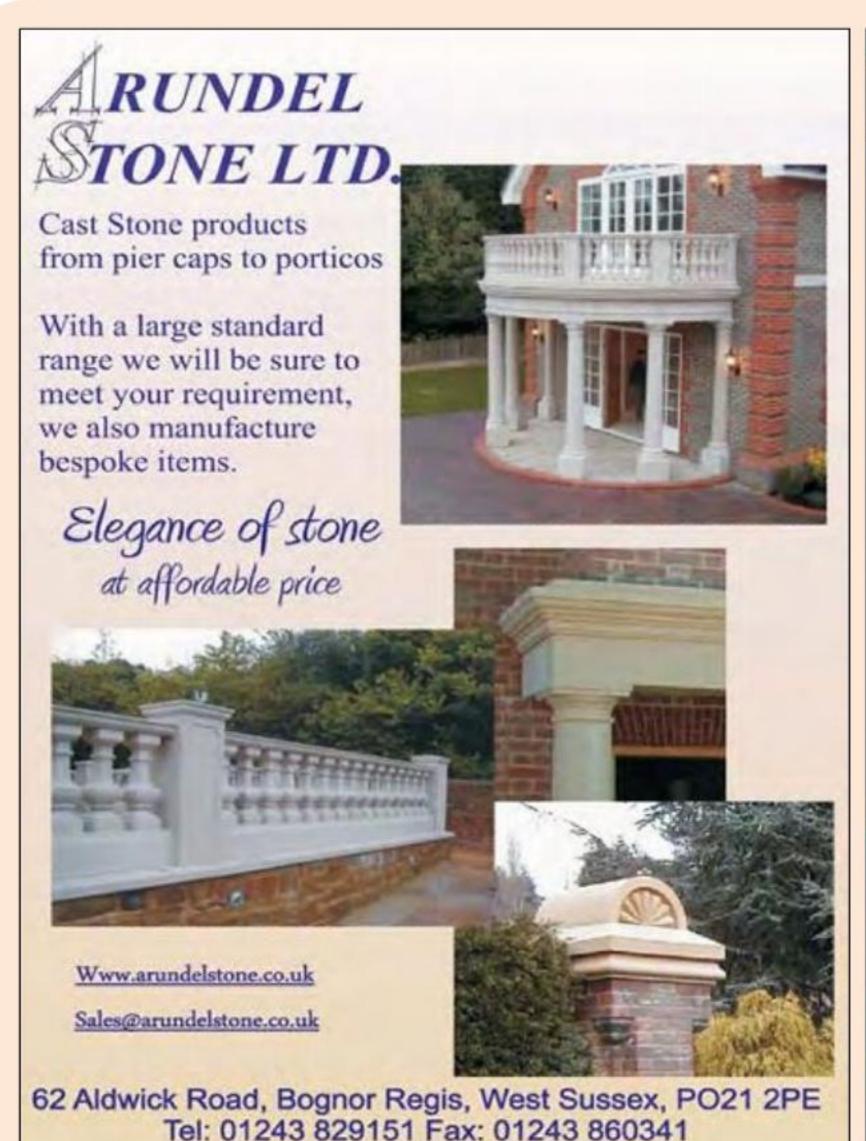
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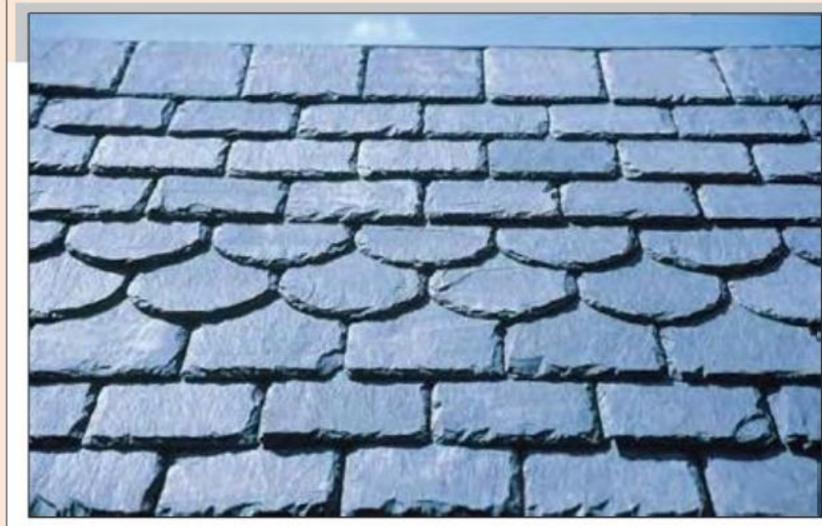


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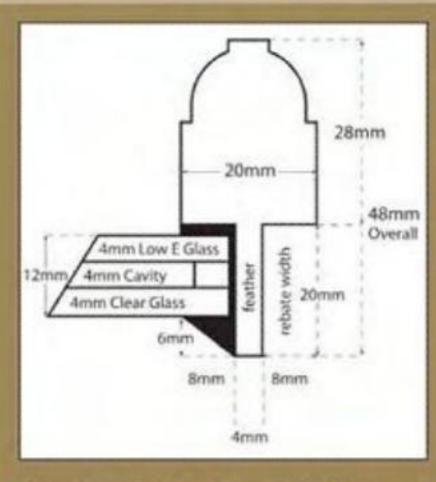
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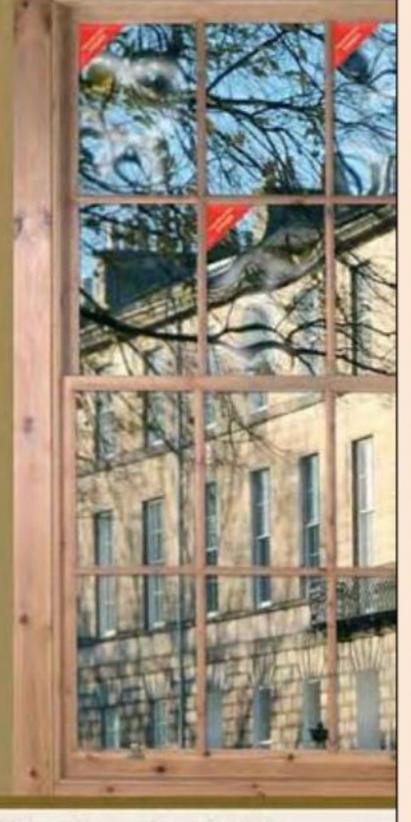


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▲ Solarventi Does your house suffer from

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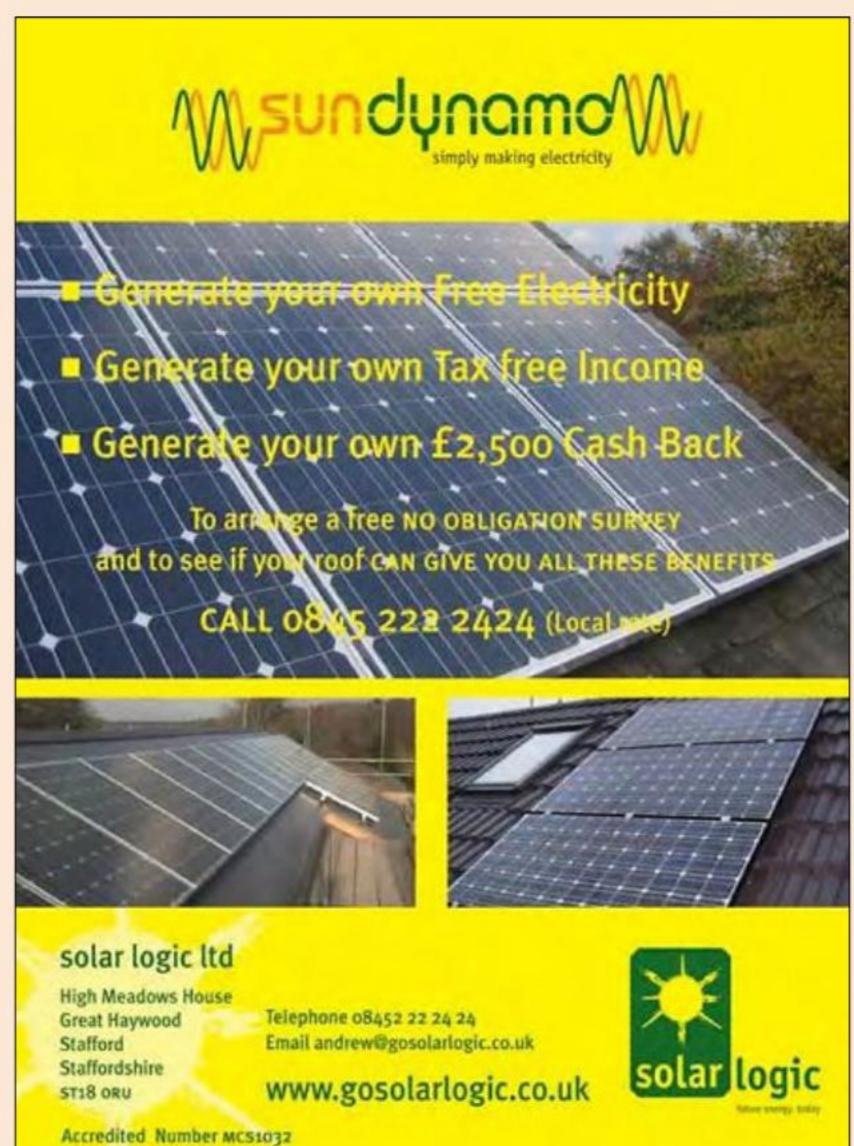
▲ Starkey Systems

Starkey Systems Whole House Heat Recovery Systems are Appendix Q eligible and will provide a positive effect on the SAP rating of your home and can recover up to 95% of the heat from the air extracted thus saving on your energy costs while reducing your Dwelling CO₂ Emission Rate, a must for any new build project. We offer a unique design service so your system meets the individual requirements of your home. We use only galvanised steel ducting with sealed fittings of the highest standard ensuring the integrity of the system for a lifetime of use.



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Grundfos Pumps



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Ideal Boilers

Ideal Boilers has launched 'Ideal Renewable Solutions', a new renewables package providing air source, ground source and solar options for domestic installations. These latest products

These latest products complement Ideal's range of high efficiency condensing boilers and see the company offering one of the UK's most comprehensive



domestic heating ranges. Two new products are launched as part of the new renewables offer: 'Ideal GroundTherm' ground source heat pump and 'Ideal AirTherm' air source heat pump.

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Grundfos Pumps



Grundfos were delighted to see, following an EU ruling, the UK Government department DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) issue a statement regarding new efficiency standards for household appliances which declared that "Circulators, the small pumps used in central heating systems, will also have

new minimum energy standards applied." At present the energy labeling of circulating pumps is completely voluntary, this is a major step on the ladder towards a change in Buildings Regulations that endorses the installation of energy efficient circulator pumps.

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Jaga Heating

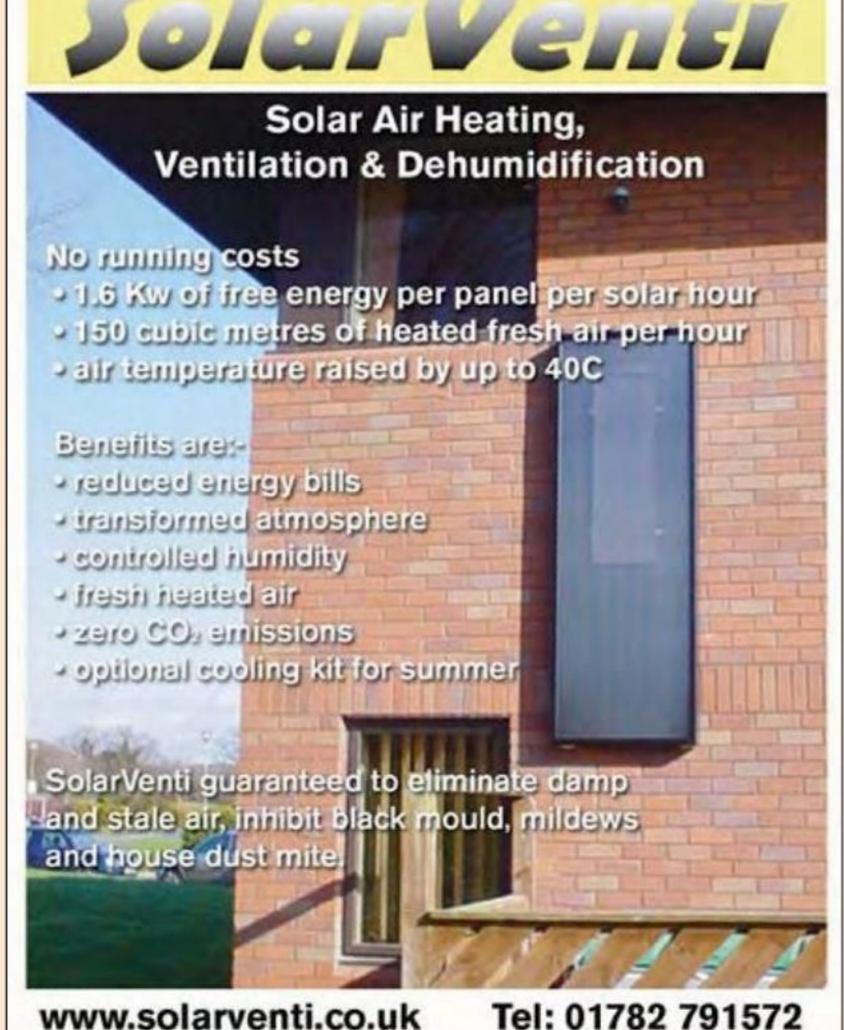
The Norfolk Police Authority has recently initiated a programme of modernisation and refurbishment of over 40 police buildings across the county including Aylsham Police Station. The new £755,000 "green" station, which replaces deteriorating old premises, now serves as an operational



deployment base for local officers and will be used as the template for future similar police buildings across the Norfolk Constabulary estate. At Aylsham, Ecowarm Solar Heating Solutions installed 16 Jaga Strada DBE radiators powered by an air source (wind turbine) heat pump to provide a cost-effective yet environmentally sound heating system.

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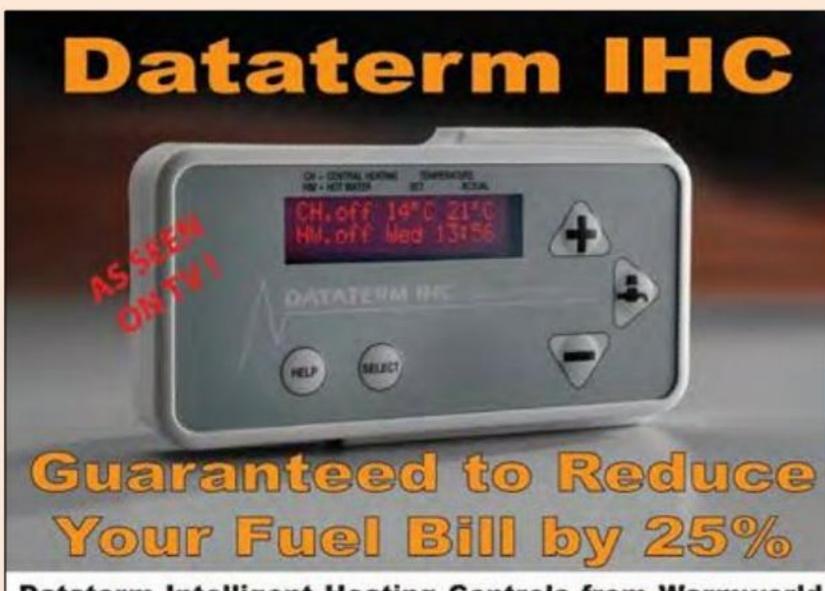


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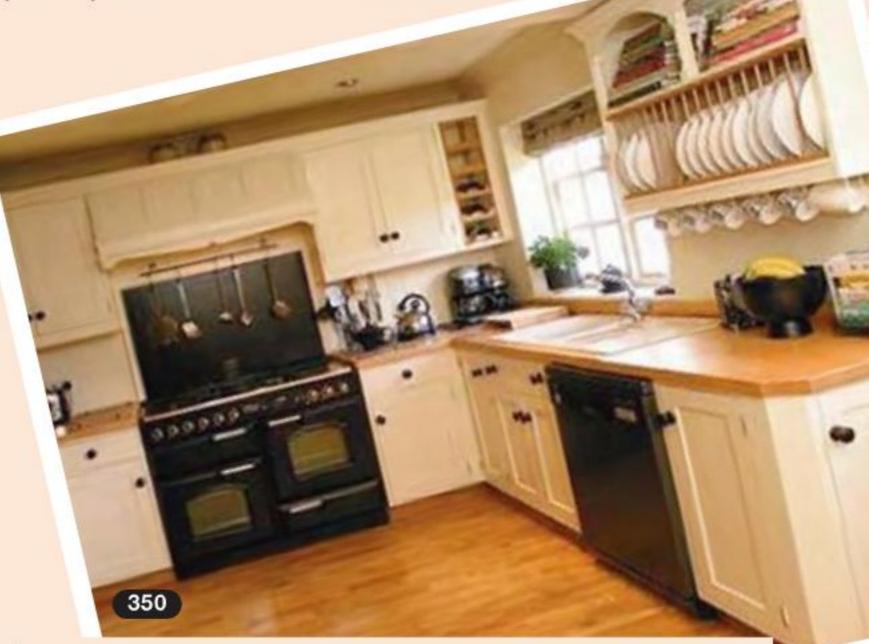
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▲ Italia Imports

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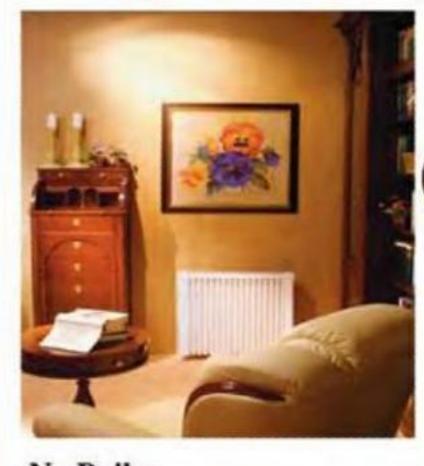


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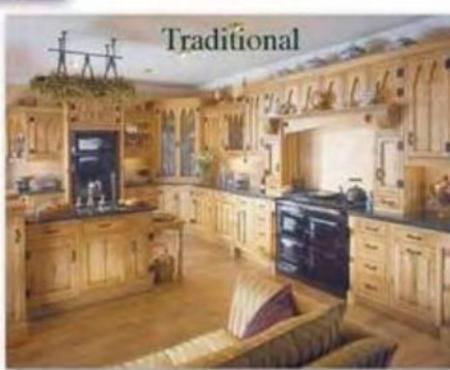
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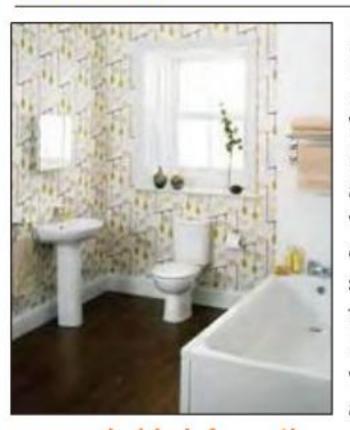


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Bristan



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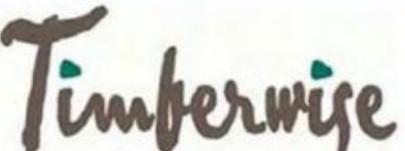


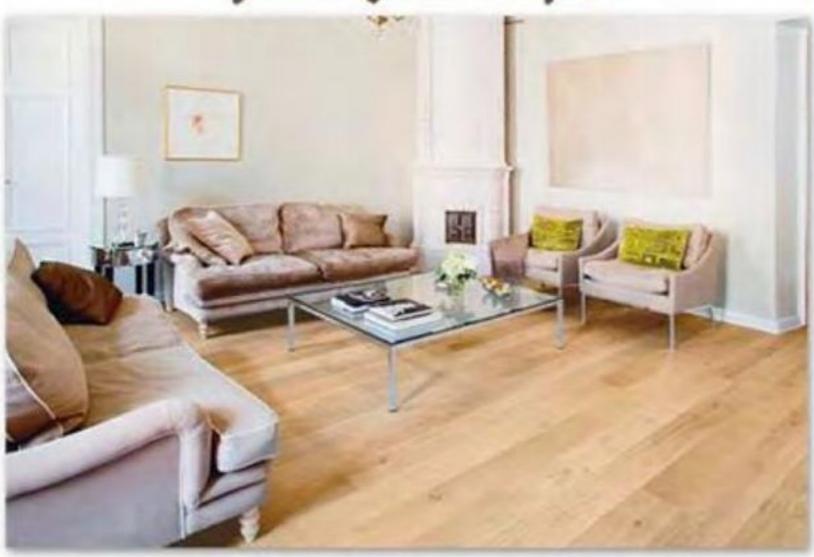
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Pegler Yorkshire



In the wake of the current financial situation, Pegler Yorkshire is challenging the status quo by introducing several new tap ranges that have been priced at a realistic level, while still boast cutting edge design. With Rossi, the modern angular curve of the lever control is in stark contrast to the smooth curves of the chrome-plated body, which provides a stylish look from every angle. The design has a real fluidity making it the perfect choice for the modern bathroom. Rossi is a perfect marriage of form and function and eco models are also available.

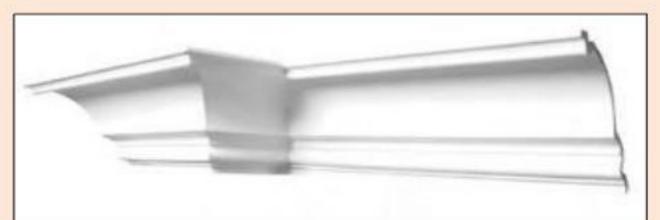
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Orac Decor

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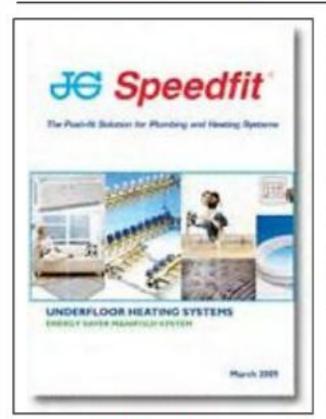
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Myson



Myson's Underfloor Heating team is helping Stefan Lepkowski, a North East businessman, to heat the dream home he is building in Northumberland, under the scrutiny of Channel 4's Grand Designs programme. Myson's team laid much of the UFH in the building, but having worked with

them, Stefan has been able to lay sections himself. Myson's Technical Manager David Pittilla said: "This has been an exciting project to work on. Stefan's vision of rebuilding the cottage [...] is both environmentally and visually minded and our underfloor heating system is an ideal fit." ...searchable information archive at www.sbhonline.eu

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Natural Warmth

Natural Warmth has been awarded certification by the B.R.E. (Building Research Establishment Ltd) under its Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS); this is designed to recognise best practice in companies utilising small-scale renewable energy technology. Steve Heslop is the Managing Director: "To be in business for just a year and already achieve BRE accreditation is a big boost. [...] Our BRE MCS mark assures anybody interested in reducing their carbon footprint that we will give top quality, impartial advice that is right for their home.



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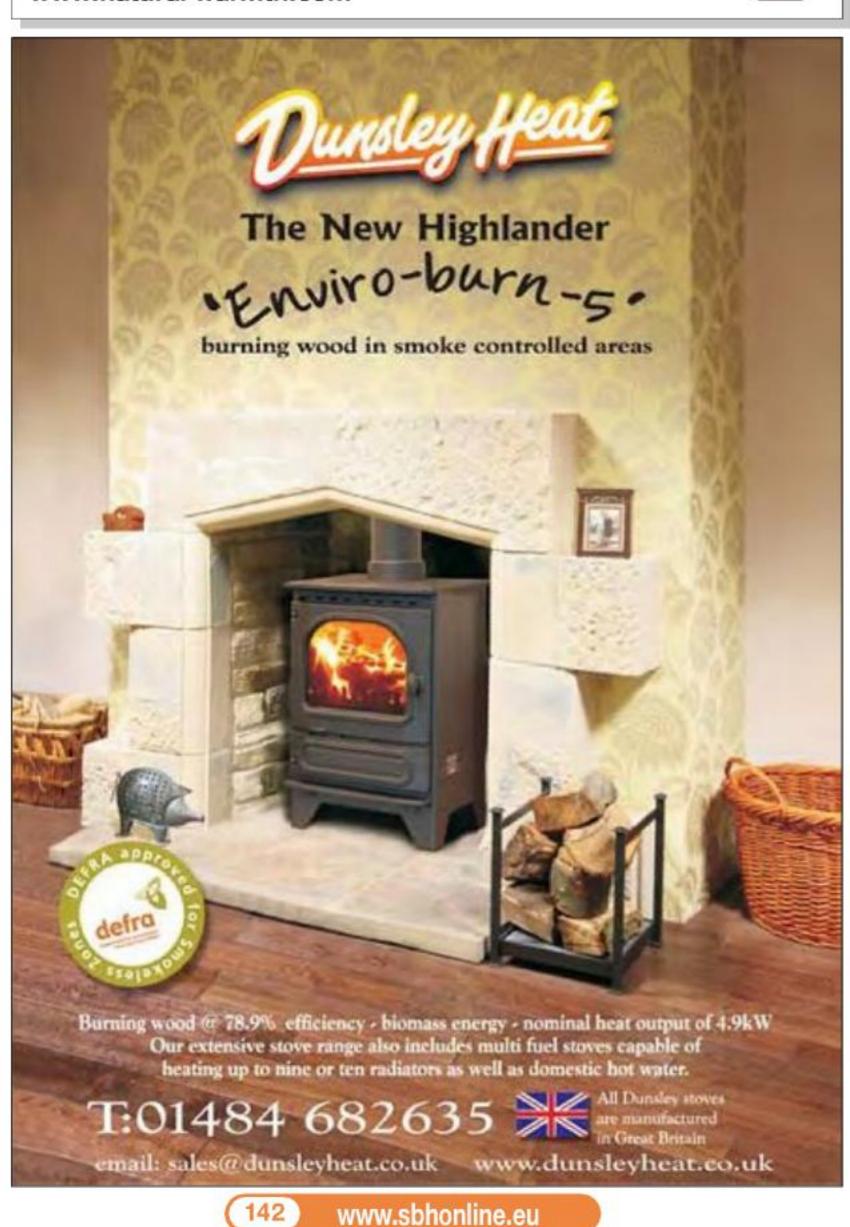
properties and configurations."

Live trials of Mitsubishi Electric's award winning Ecodan systems over the past winter have clearly demonstrated that the low-carbon heating system lives up to expectations and is more than capable of dealing with whatever the British weather can throw at it. Max Halliwell, Product Manager for Mitsubishi Electric Heating, stated; "What we are now able to do is categorically state that Ecodan will deliver the performance necessary to cope extremely well throughout the British year and show that this has been achieved in a variety of different



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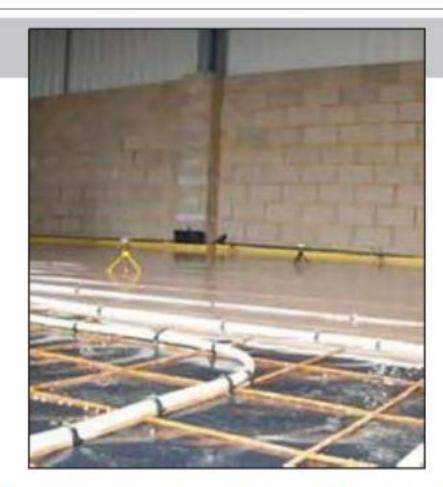
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Polypipe Building Products

Polypipe Building Products believes that a growing number of specifiers are coming to appreciate the green benefits of its predominantly grey coloured plumbing, heating and drainage products; as in a variety of ways they make important contributions to the environmental agenda. Polypipe Building



Products has not only been working to enhance the performance of its portfolio, but has also made considerable effort to explain the different product's potential to provide points under the various categories of the Code for Sustainable Homes.

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Icynene



The Ark has won a top prize at the Icynene annual awards. The 24,000 sq ft building is recognised as a model for energy efficient construction and renewable development. Icynene was selected to give a high level of thermal insulation and air tightness along with excellent acoustic performance

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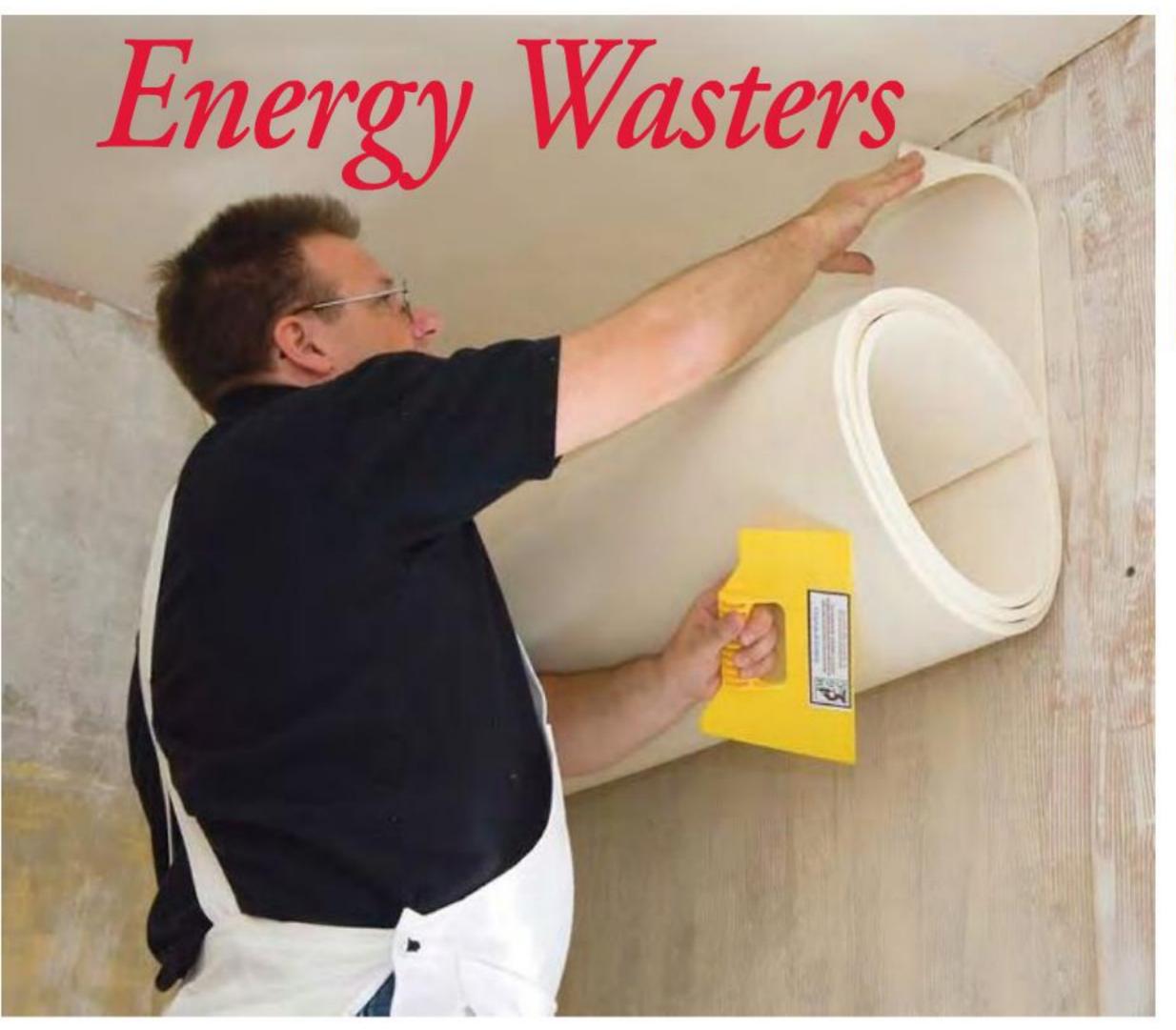
Second Nature UK

Thermafleece PB20, the latest innovation in sheep's wool insulation from Second Nature UK Ltd, has been used in the construction of an ecologically conscious house in the grounds of Penpont, one of Wales' finest country estates. Thermafleece PB20 blends 60% British sheep's wool with a mix of recycled polyester to create a sustainable insulating product with thermal conductivity rating of 0.039 W/Mk. The product's unique composition also means it loses no shape or structure over time which ensures that thermal performance does not deteriorate with age. The natural fibre content of Thermafleece PB20 also acts in sympathy with buildings to control humidity and improve air quality by trapping everyday pollutants. However, it wasn't simply its eco credentials that appealed to owners Gavin and Davina. Gavin Hogg, commented: "Some 'green' alternatives are simply not viable because of cost but we found Themafleece PB20 to be extremely competitively priced compared to alternatives we looked at, particularly for the benefits it delivers."

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ith homes producing over a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions, the onus of reducing their carbon footprint has never been greater for householders.

The way a building is constructed, insulated, ventilated and the type of fuel used, all contribute to its carbon emissions. A worrying fact is that for over half of all homes in the UK, the money spent on energy is literally being thrown out of the window due to inadequate levels of insulation, with around 50 percent of the heat lost through the roof and walls. In view of this, the Government has recently announced that it aims to have the lofts and cavity walls of every home insulated by 2015 and that up to 7 million homes will have received more substantial whole house changes including solid wall insulation by 2020.

The National Insulation Association (NIA) is a not for profit organisation representing over 90% of the home insulation industry in the UK. As a membership organisation it actively supports the Government's accelerated programme for insulation and its intention to raise awareness not only of the amount of heat lost through inadequate home insulation, but also the amount of money that householders can save by having their home properly insulated.

Last year the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) introduced the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) and recently running alongside this, proposals for a new Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP). This consists of up to 100 schemes in deprived areas taking a street by street, whole house approach to insulation. As a result, it is expected that around 100,000 households will benefit from measures to reduce their heating bills, many of which will require solid wall insulation.

Neil Marshall, NIA Chief Executive, comments, "There are approximately 9 million cavity walls and 15 million lofts that require insulation by 2015, which will prove challenging, but the target is achievable with a co-ordinated delivery plan, adequate levels of funding, a dedicated insulation programme and a major Government backed awareness campaign.

"Our research shows that over two thirds of people do not realise that 50% of heat is lost through the roof and cavity walls and a shocking 45% through solid walls alone, putting these insulation measures at the top of the agenda."

The cost of insulating the loft and cavity walls is relatively modest at around £500 including a subsidy under the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target programme and will save the average home around £365 per year in energy costs. Homes with solid walls cost more to insulate, but the energy saving is significantly higher, up to £705 per year for the walls and loft.

Solid Wall Insulation

The UK's housing stock is estimated at approximately 24.5 million dwellings and of that, approximately 36% are non-cavity wall construction; solid brick, solid stone, pre-1944 timber frame and non-traditional (i.e. concrete construction). It is estimated that there are around 7 million properties that have solid walls that need insulating.

Improving the thermal efficiency of solid wall properties is therefore an area which has massive potential for the future as there has been little work done to date. More and more individuals are now starting to recognise the advantages of insulating such homes, and there are many cost-effective solutions available.

Solid walls can be insulated either externally or internally and either option will greatly increase



The National Insulation Association (NIA)

comfort, while also reducing the running costs and the associated environmental impact.

For older properties in need of re-rendering or re-pointing (both of which are expensive procedures), external cladding is an alternative solution that will replace the need for this job as well as provide far better thermal performance.

Internal insulation typically consists of either dry lining in the form of flexible thermal linings, laminated insulating plasterboard (known as thermal board) or a built-up system using fibrous insulation such as mineral wood held in place using a studwork frame.

Cavity Wall Insulation

Cavity wall insulation is an inexpensive, easy to install process that sees the insulation material injected into the cavity between the inner and outer leaves of brickwork of the external wall of a property. There are a number of different insulating materials, but they all work in the same way to cut heat loss.

Cavity wall insulation work is carried out according to guidance laid down by the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency (CIGA) and workmanship and materials are covered by the independent 25 years CIGA Guarantee to provide homeowners with reassurance and peace of mind.

Loft Insulation

With as much as a third of heating costs escaping through the roof, loft insulation is a very effective way of reducing heating bills.

While most UK homes already have some degree of loft insulation installed, for the majority this is inadequate and should be topped up to today's standards; 270mm for glass wool, 250mm for rock wool, or 220mm for cellulose.

A high standard can only be achieved by insulating across the top of the ceiling joists as well as between them and including the loft hatch. Pipes and tanks also need to be insulated to avoid freezing and other key considerations include ventilation to avoid condensation and safety aspects of electrical wiring and fittings.

A large proportion of householders are unsure about what insulation measures they may already have installed in their home or whether it reaches the recommended standards. The National Insulation Association are able to provide access to information regarding grants and subsidies to help make the cost of insulating homes even more affordable and accessible to all.

Shaws of Darwen



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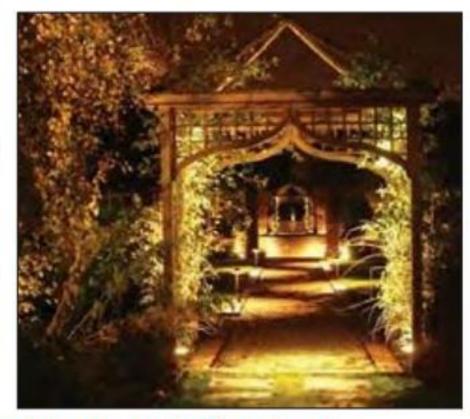
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Craven Dunnill



The new, glossy Renaissance brochure from Craven Dunnill, the ceramic tile supplier, features an array of inspirational tile designs for both floors and walls. Choose from a wide selection of styles, effects

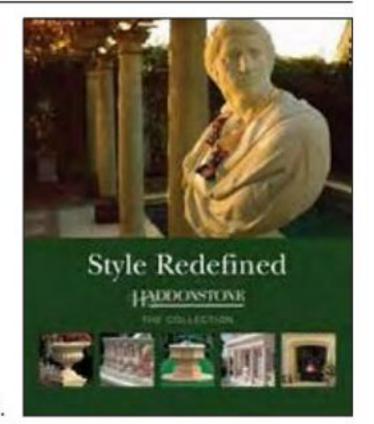
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Marley Eternit



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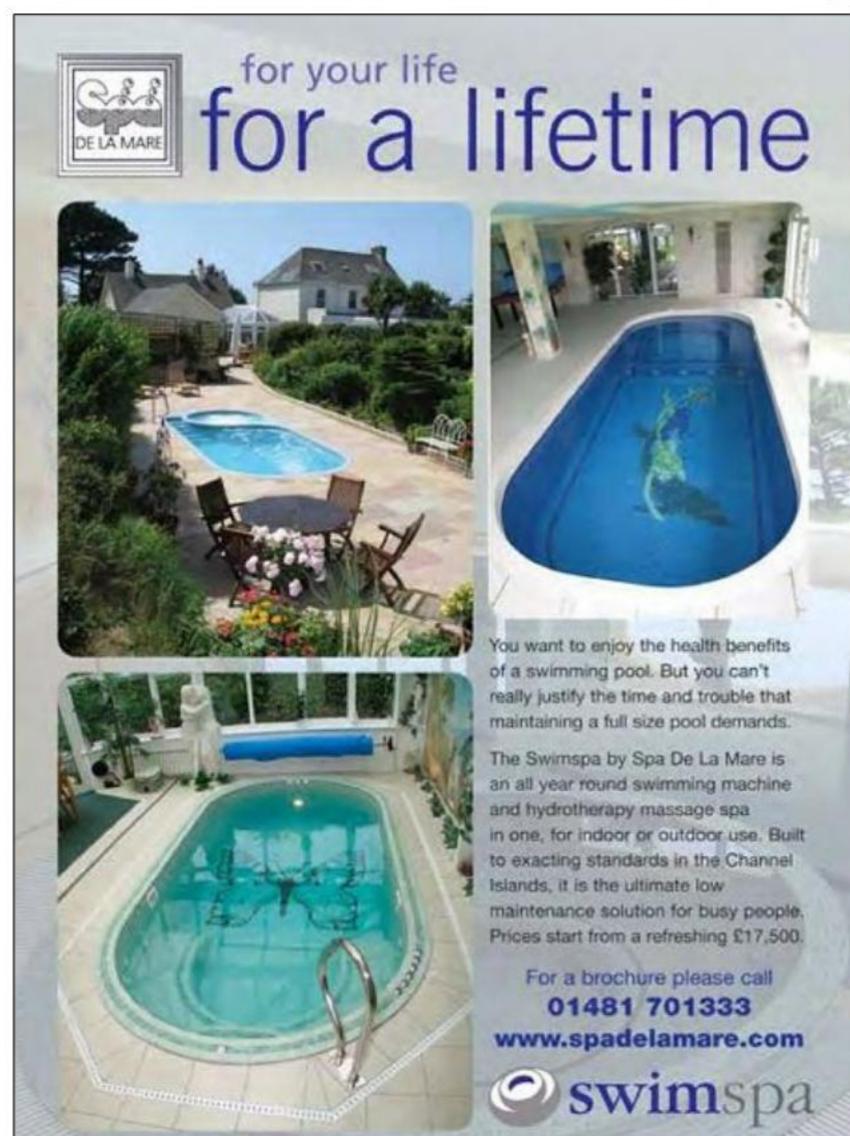
Renson Sunprotection Screens introduces the Fixscreen®: a screen that controls light and thermal gain offering a variety of possibilities. Thanks to the intelligent zip-system, the side guides ensure that the screen operates smoothly, in addition it means that the screen is held securely and does not distort when exposed to heavy wind loads. Rattling and ripped screens belong to the past. With this in mind, we can control large surface areas of up to 18 m². This Fixscreen® is available in three versions: Fixscreen® 85, 100 and 150. Renson's Fixscreen® offers an excellent solution to this problem of overheating and is the first screen in the world that is truly wind-resistant and insect proof. The Fixscreen® is delivered with glass fibre or Soltis fabric with a very high sun protection factor and available in all colours. These screens retain their shape, are unaffected by humidity and heat, and are rot-free and colourfast.

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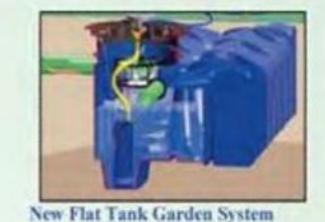
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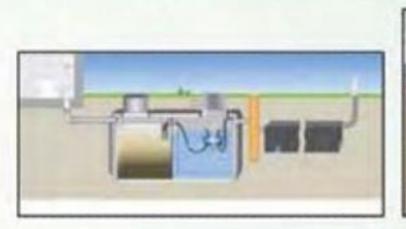
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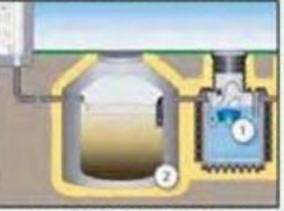
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George Padelopoulos, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, B&Q, UK Rainwater Harvesting Association.

ater is the most valuable of resources and changes to the world's climate means water will become even more precious than ever. With rainfall patterns likely to shift, we'll find our winters getting wetter and our summers even drier. Whilst it can be tempting to take water lightly, especially in the UK where it seems to rain often, it's crucial to act responsibly to reduce our impact on the environment.

Amazingly, the UK has less available water per person than most other European countries. London is drier than Istanbul, and the South East of England has less water available per person than the Sudan and Syria. The average person in the UK uses 150 litres each day, with nearly a third of this water running straight down the drain, without being used. We need to staunch this flow.

Although it may seem like a drop in the ocean, paying attention to how we use water in the home can make an enormous difference. Making small behavioural changes such as having shorter showers instead of baths, not leaving the tap running, using a dishwasher rather than rinsing dishes each time and washing vegetables in a bowl rather than under a running tap, definitely makes a difference to the amount of water wasted. There are also products for your home that make saving water even easier.

Retailers have a vital role to play in helping customers understand the importance of saving water in both the house and garden by providing them with information and the means to make a real difference, therefore making it easy for people to understand what they need to do and then go on and actually do it.

Rainwater Harvesting

Rainwater harvesting is the simple process of capturing non-potable rainwater and substituting this for mains water, for example

in the following situations:

- · Toilet flushing
- Washing Machine
- Watering the garden
- Car washing

The rainwater is collected and channelled down drain pipes into a storage tank via a filter. The storage tank can be installed above or below ground. The non potable water can then be pumped out when required via an electric pump.

Depending on the local average rainfall, roof size and drainage, these factors contribute to the amount of rainwater you are able to collect.

Multiplying the roof area in metres by the average rainfall in millimetres, and by the roof and filter efficiency factors gives the annual yield in litres. As rainfall does not occur everyday, the correct size of the water tank is important in supplying the quality and continuity of water. A tank should provide approx 18-20 days demand before the next rainfall.

A rainwater system can fulfil 50% of the household's non potable water requirements, giving a considerable saving on water charges.

However, it is important to engage a specialist water recycling company early in the development planning process; the quality of harvested rainwater depends on good design, quality components and good installation. Provided the rainwater is harvested in accordance with UK-RHA recommendations and the relevant British Standard (BS8515), it remains safe to use for non-potable purposes.

Rainwater Butts

During the summer, more than half of a household's water use goes on the garden. People can significantly reduce the water waste in their gardens by swapping their hose pipes for rain water butts. Within the marketplace there is a wide range of water butts available in all sizes and designs. Easy to install, they can often be enough to supply the needs of the average

garden by catching the run-off from roofs and gutters. Water butt pumps can be fitted to rainwater butts; these are similar to pressure pumps, allowing you to use your rainwater to clean your bicycle in the garden, for example.

Mulching soil can slow evaporation whilst still allowing rainwater to pass through to plant roots. Apply a 50mm (2") layer on top of moist soil. A water permeable membrane can also be used with the mulch to save water and control weeds. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified bark chips are a good choice for mulch as they are taken from well-managed forests, helping to conserve nature.

Savings in the Bathroom

With rainwater harvesting as part of your plans for your self build, also consider the additional benefits of introducing water saving products to your bathroom. It is now possible to purchase bathrooms suites which have basins and baths designed to use less water without compromising on performance or comfort, as well as a low flush toilets.

A great deal of water can be saved in the bathroom, given that the average household flushes the toilet twelve times a day. The availability of highly efficient dual flushing toilets, which use just 2.6 litres per half flush, means you can save a staggering 8,760 litres of water every year. The shower can also use significantly less water by fitting an eco shower head; this mixes water with air producing the same performance as a conventional shower.

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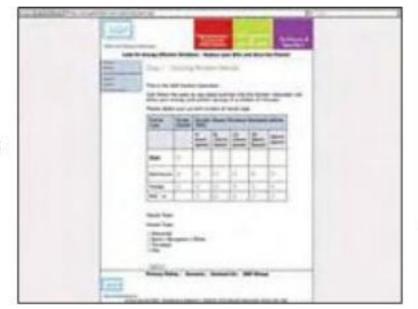
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The Carbon Calculator has been developed by the Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF). It is a simple, online tool that allows manufacturers and installers to demonstrate to their customers how much they can save on their energy bills and by how much they can reduce their carbon footprint through the installation of



Energy Efficient Windows (EEWs). The Carbon Calculator provides authoritative and independent figures and is free to use. It is available on the main, re-launched GGF website.

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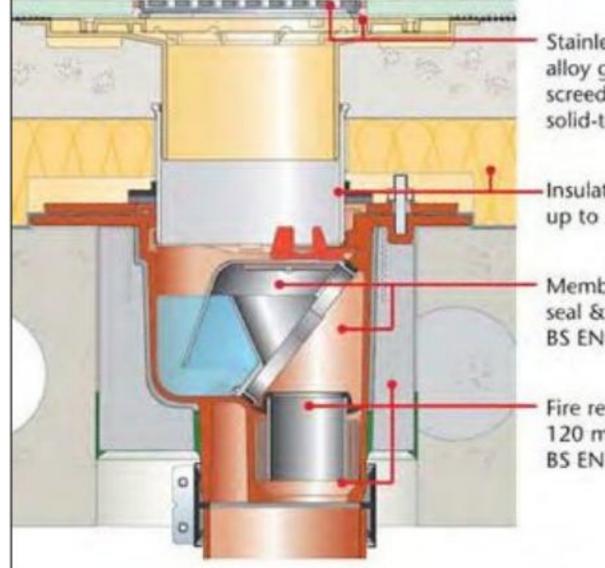
operation, a new range of bespoke products was required for each type of system, including more robust thermal fluids that would last for significantly longer than the current options, flushing liquids to help remove fluids from existing systems, a sanitiser and biocide that would address the bacterial growth and test kits to check the system was in good condition.

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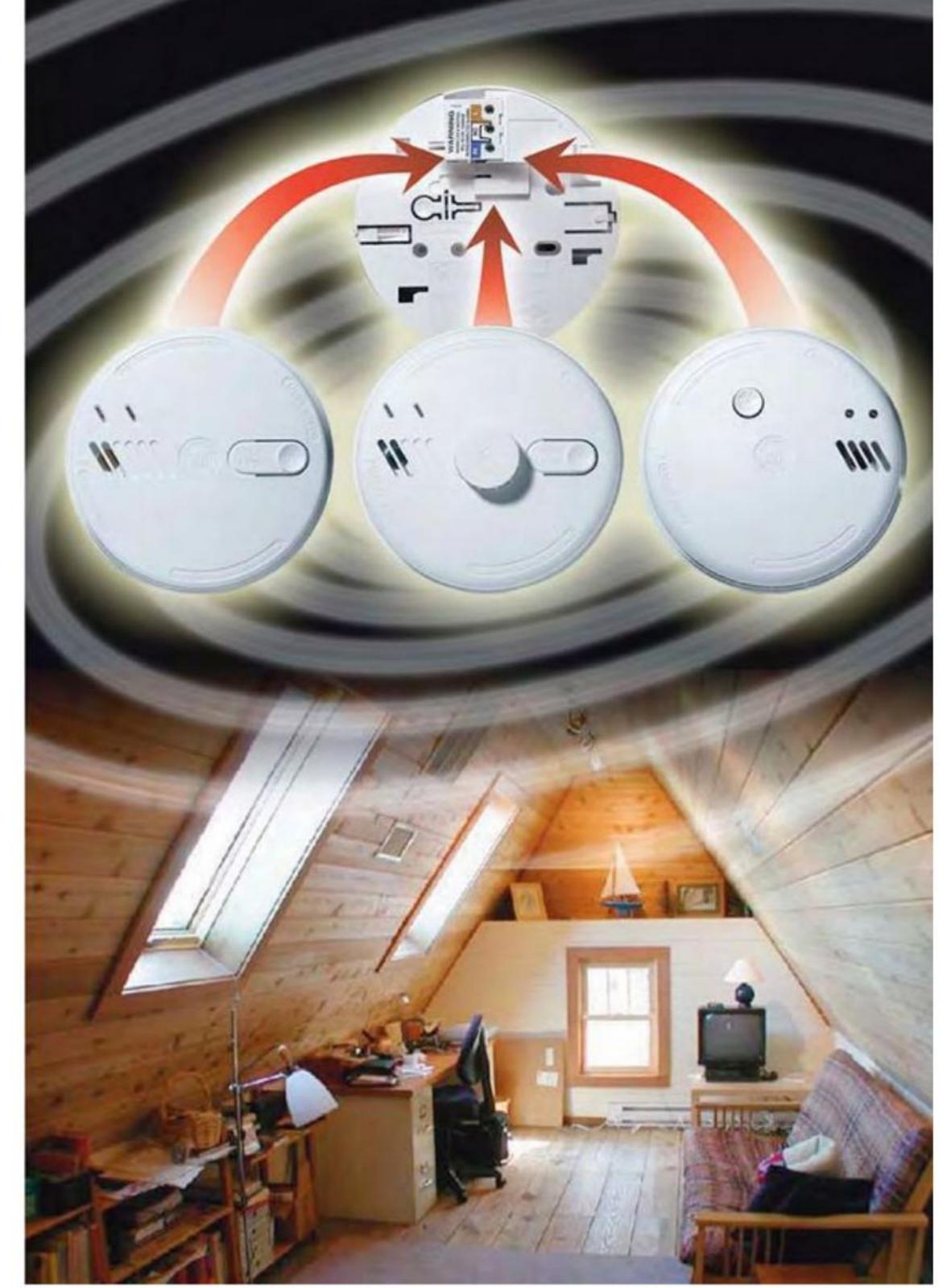
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Chilstone

As part of the new trend for wooden outbuildings such as carports and summer houses, Kent based Chilstone have reported a rise in demand for staddlestones. Often thought of as purely ornamental objects, staddlestones have a long and honourable history dating back to the Roman era. Sometimes shaped as mushrooms, a very early design to thwart the ingress of vermin into granary barns, Staddlestones come in a variety of sizes and are now more commonly used in the erection of wooden structures to prevent water damage to the wooden posts.



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40 Years of Saving Lives

By Neil Perdell, National Technical Manager, Aico Limited

ove it or loathe it, your fortieth birthday is one of those big events you just can't ignore. For the smoke alarm's 40th this year, it's also a very important event as it marks 40 years of saving lives; many thousands of lives in fact.

In 1969 Americans Randolph Smith and Kenneth House patented the first battery operated smoke alarm for use in the home. Since that time, the smoke alarm has improved beyond all recognition and is now valued as our most important gadget, if research carried out by TNS Omnibus for the Government's Fire Kills campaign is anything to go by. According to this research seven out of ten adults put the smoke alarm in their top three most important gadgets.

Research from the Government's Fire Statistics, United Kingdom 2006, the most recent to be published, shows why. The number of fire related deaths in the UK in 2006 was 491, the lowest since 1959. Dwelling fires are at their lowest since 1978, now standing at 55,800.

The smoke alarm has undoubtedly played a major role in these positive figures, which continue to decline year on year. Manufacturers have made alarms that are more reliable and the move from battery-powered alarms to mains powered units in rented accommodation and new build has certainly helped. Furthermore, initiatives such as BS 5839: Pt.6: 2004 (the British Standard for the design, installation and maintenance of fire detection and fire alarm systems in dwellings) have offered excellent guidance in both the private and public sector.

However, it's ultimately the future we must look to and how to further reduce both the deaths, non fatal casualties and the damage done to property. The Government, with its Fire Kills public awareness campaign and its revisions to BS.5839 Part 6 in 2004, is doing its part. In fact, BS.5839

Part 6 paved the way for new technologies being introduced at the time that have changed the way we design and install mains-powered alarm systems.

So what are these new all important developments and how can they benefit you?

Probably the most important technological development with the domestic smoke alarm since the introduction of mains powered models is wireless interconnect technology.

Interconnecting smoke alarms is a requirement of BS.5839 Part 6 and Building Regulations, but hard wired interconnection is time consuming and disruptive and, as a result, costly. However, the ability to interconnect alarms by radio signals has made mains powered alarms quicker and cheaper to install and made interconnection itself more popular. In the event of one alarm detecting a fire, it will immediately send out a radio frequency signal to all other alarms on the system, sounding the alarm throughout the property.

The ability to interconnect wirelessly has had other knock on benefits, including the ability to link to other devices such as sprinkler systems, carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Another piece of new technology in the domestic field which has really made waves is the multi-sensor fire alarm. The multi-sensor contains two separate sensing technologies; optical and heat. As such, the unit is capable of monitoring two very different by-products of a fire, smoke and heat, so its response to all fire types is significantly improved when compared with traditional single sensor type units. Additionally, because two separate sensors are being monitored, the unit offers improved resistance to false alarms, making it ideal for difficult areas where traditional units may be prone to false alarms.

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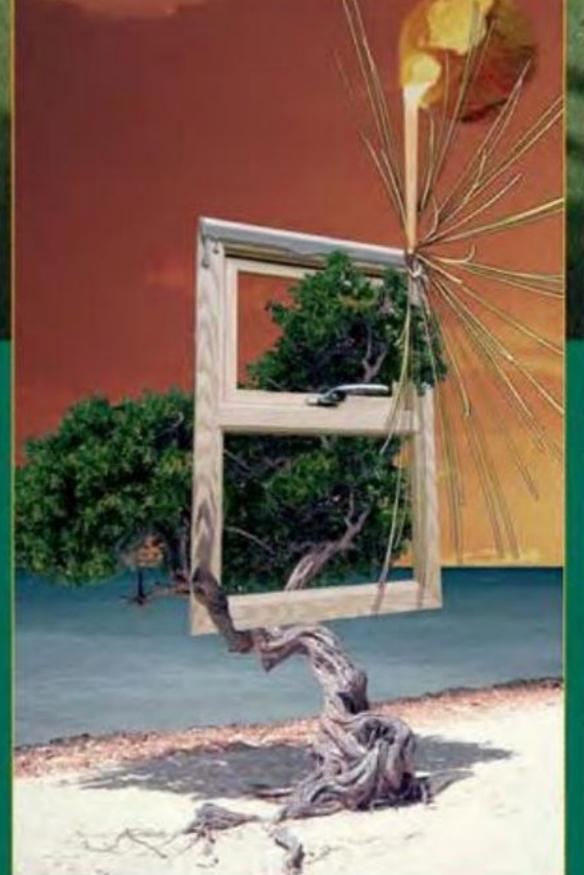
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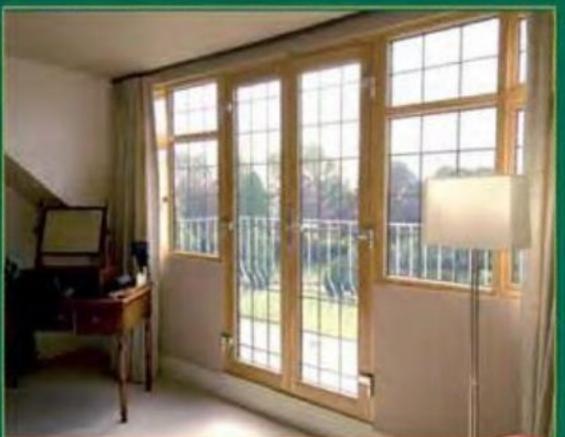














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