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Editors Update

Refrigerators in the Hot Seat

Electrolux CEO Hans Stråberg challenged policy-makers to introduce consumer incentives for exchanging outdated, energy-thirsty appliances in an op-ed piece in Dagens Industri, Sweden's leading industry newspaper. Using research from McKinsey & Company as the backbone of his message, Stråberg pointed out that tax incentives to encourage the replacement of old appliances with energy-smart counterparts are proven to have the greatest environmental benefit in relation to investment. McKinsey compared 200 different measures to reduce climate change inducing emissions.

"Energy-efficient appliances pay themselves off in environmental terms. However, for consumers, it is more difficult to get these purchases to pay off in financial terms. Policy-makers need to encourage consumers. One way to achieve this is tax credits that stimulate consumer purchases of new, energy-efficient appliances. Another would be incentives for recycling the old appliance," Stråberg writes. The message is highly relevant today, as a \$300 million program, similar to what Stråberg suggested for Sweden, was recently announced by President Barack Obama. The US package will authorize states to create rebates with an expected value of \$50 to \$200 for each purchase of an appliance with an Energy Star efficiency rating. Beginning this fall, the program will apply to dishwashers, washing machines and refrigerators. Consumers are not required to recycle their old appliances in the process.

In addition, the British Retail Consortium campaigned last week to lobby the British Government to introduce a combined recycling program for old, energy-thirsty appliances and waive the 15 percent VAT for new, energy-lean ones. Similar systems exist or are in the process of being introduced in Spain, Belgium and Japan. The Netherlands subsidized A-class appliances for a number of years, transforming an antiquated appliance fleet to one of the EU's most modern. In addition, Italy's tax credits of up to €200 have doubled sales for energy-efficient refrigerators and freezers since 2007.

Incentives contribute to creating lasting, environmentally-aware purchasing behaviour. This is, as Stråberg concludes in his article, "a welcome initiative, now when governments are identifying both measures to stimulate the economy and ways to reduce the impacts of climate change."

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The Solar Panel is The New Designer Kitchen

Changes in the environment and income has altered the priorities and attitudes of householders across the country. Research released on 1st September by the Energy Saving Trust reveals that a third of Britons are happy to speculate to accumulate when it comes to house buying decisions.

Of those polled, a third (35%) said they would be willing to pay more for a home where some of their energy supply came from renewable resources such as wind, solar or hydropower. It seems that Britons are more interested than ever about installing a renewable energy source to their property. Almost half of those surveyed (49%) said they would like to know if their home is suitable for renewable energy.

Philip Sellwood, Chief Executive of the Energy Saving Trust, said, "It seems Britons are willing to pay more for a home with a renewable energy source, so investing in a solar panel or a wind turbine could add to the resale value of a property and could be as attractive to house hunters as a new kitchen or solid wood floors." Mr Sellwood added, "Twenty six per cent of carbon emissions are from the home, and with depleting fossil fuels, the government are looking at ways to incentivise householders to install domestic renewable energy. Next year will see the introduction of feed in tariffs, where householders will receive a set payment for the electricity generated and exported."

The research also reveals that 53% of Britons said that the expense of installing a renewable energy source is putting them off, however, there are solutions to help lower the initial cost.

There are grants available to help with the cost of some installations. Householders can call the Energy Saving Trust and find out which grants they qualify for. These grants will help with the cost of purchase and installation of renewable technology. The Energy Saving Trust can help advise and sign post householders to obtain the right support.

John Rithings, a green ambassador for the Energy Saving Trust, from Bideford, recently invested and installed a solar hot water system in his home with the help of a grant from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme, to install twin PV arrays, 65 panels in all, which now provide approximately half of his annual power consumption. Installation was fairly painless and half of the total cost of £33,000 was met by the grant. John estimates that he will probably make a small return on his investment over 25 years.

Shortly before retiring, John and his wife sat down and budgeted for their long-term energy consumption. "We knew that energy was going to be a major cost over the next 25 years," he says, "We had work to do on the house anyway, so it seemed sensible to invest in energy saving technology where possible."

There are two ways to capture solar energy for use in the home: by installing a solar water heating system or a solar electricity system. Solar water heating systems cost between £3,000 and £5,000 and typically save around £50 a year when replacing gas. Typical solar electricity systems cost (around 2kW) between £8,000 and £14,000 and can save around £200 a year. Investing in both together can save a household around £250 a year off bills. If using the solar electricity system, any excess electricity produced can be sold back to the national grid for cash.



Shouting About A Silent Killer

CORGI statistics revealed for carbon monoxide awareness week (16th-20th November) show that around 20 people die from CO poisoning caused by gas appliances and flues that have not been properly installed, maintained or that are poorly ventilated. Levels that do not kill can cause serious harm to health if breathed in over a long period. In extreme cases paralysis and brain damage can be caused as a result of prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide.

The statistics also disclose that some 20 million households or 47 million people don't have an alarm or don't have their appliances serviced often enough. Nearly one person in thirty surveyed believed that they had suffered from Carbon Monoxide poisoning and only 6% of people are very confident that they would recognize the symptoms of poisoning.

CORGI installer says: "I visit hundreds of homes every year and I'm staggered by how few have carbon monoxide alarms. Carbon monoxide is a killer or can leave you with permanent brain damage or paralysis. As you can't smell, see or taste carbon monoxide, it is essential to protect yourself with an audible alarm and get your boiler and other fuel-burning appliances checked at least once a year."



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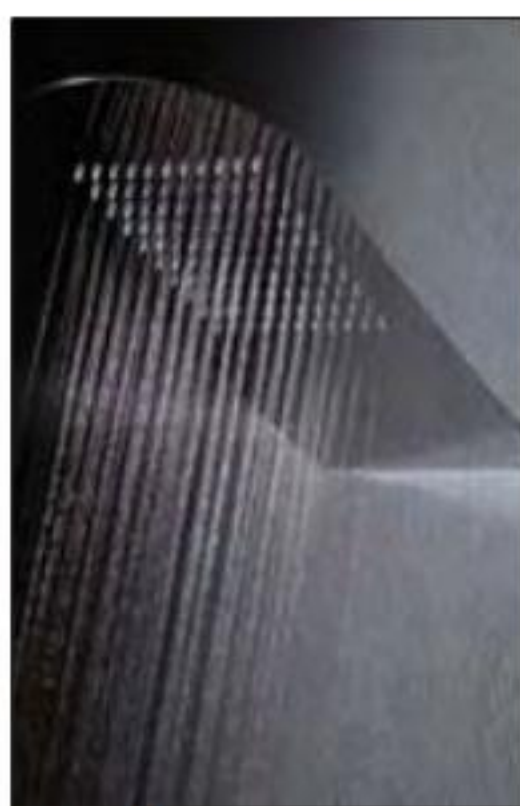
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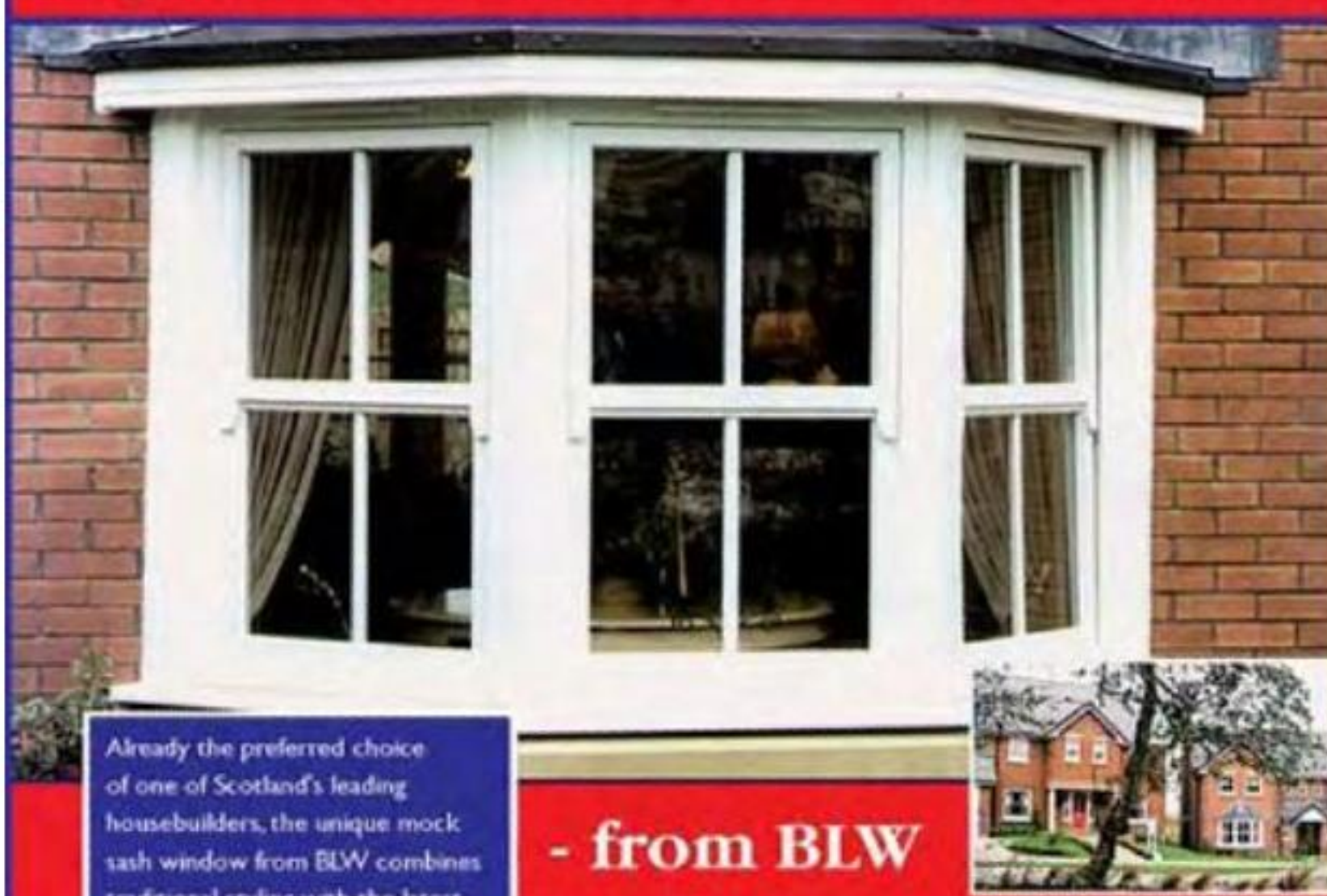
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A Vision in Glass

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Consider Your Requirements

Consider the room's function and ask the right questions: Will your priority be maintaining the temperature throughout the year? Is there a high level of external noise, or will the area pose problems with cleaning? It may be that the glass is in a position where you want natural light but limited vision from one space to another? Careful consideration in the first instance can add real benefits in the long-term.

Conservatories

Conservatories can be cold in the winter and over-heat in the summer so when selecting glass, it's vital to consider how much sun will enter the room. If building on a wall that collects a lot of sun, choose a solar control glass that allows only a limited number of rays in. Also ensure that you have plenty of ventilation, particularly in the roof, to let heat out and prevent it becoming a greenhouse.

It is important to keep your conservatory warm without wasting energy. Installing insulating glass units (IGUs) with a low e-coating and argon gas filling can extend the number of months that your space can be comfortably used, by reflecting heat back into the room, maximising the use of available free heat and generally improving comfort.

Windows

Windows can lose a lot of heat, but this can be overcome by fitting energy-efficient glazing. Choosing glass that contains a low e-coating to let more of the sun's rays in and reflect warmth from fires and radiators back into the home improves energy efficiency and helps reduce heating bills.

If your biggest concern is to reduce external noise levels, there are a number of options to help combat this common problem for both modern and more traditional properties, with double glazing being a good option. New windows have the benefit of good seals when correctly installed and there are a range of glass types, some with specially developed laminated constructions, to combat noise. Insulating glass units with two different thicknesses can also have a marked improvement.

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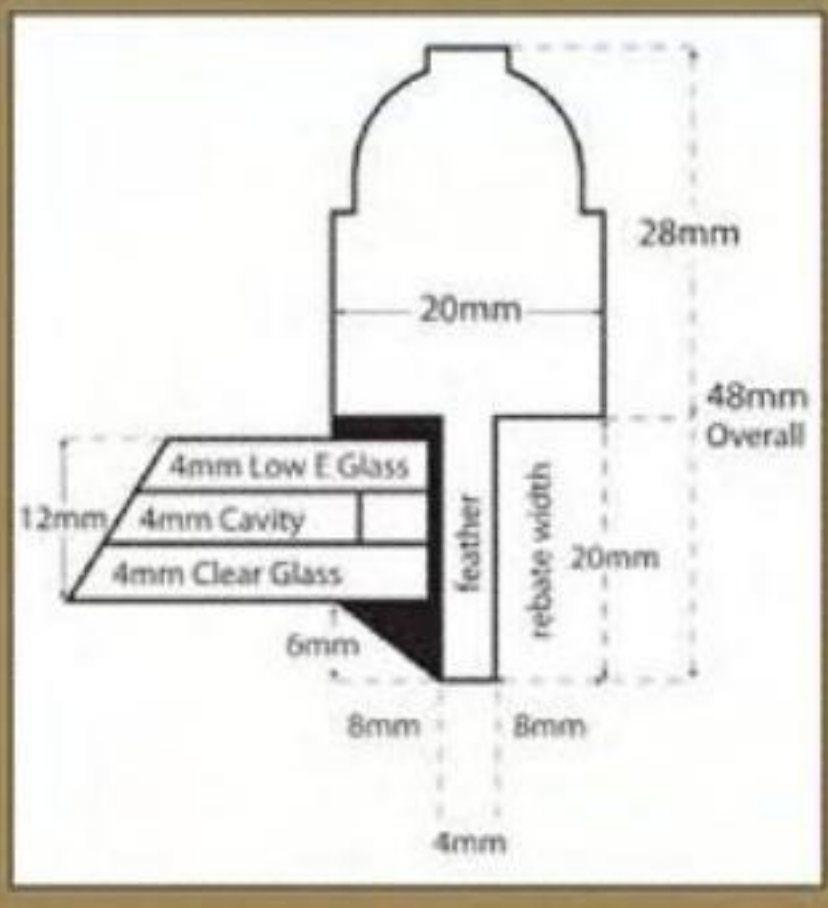
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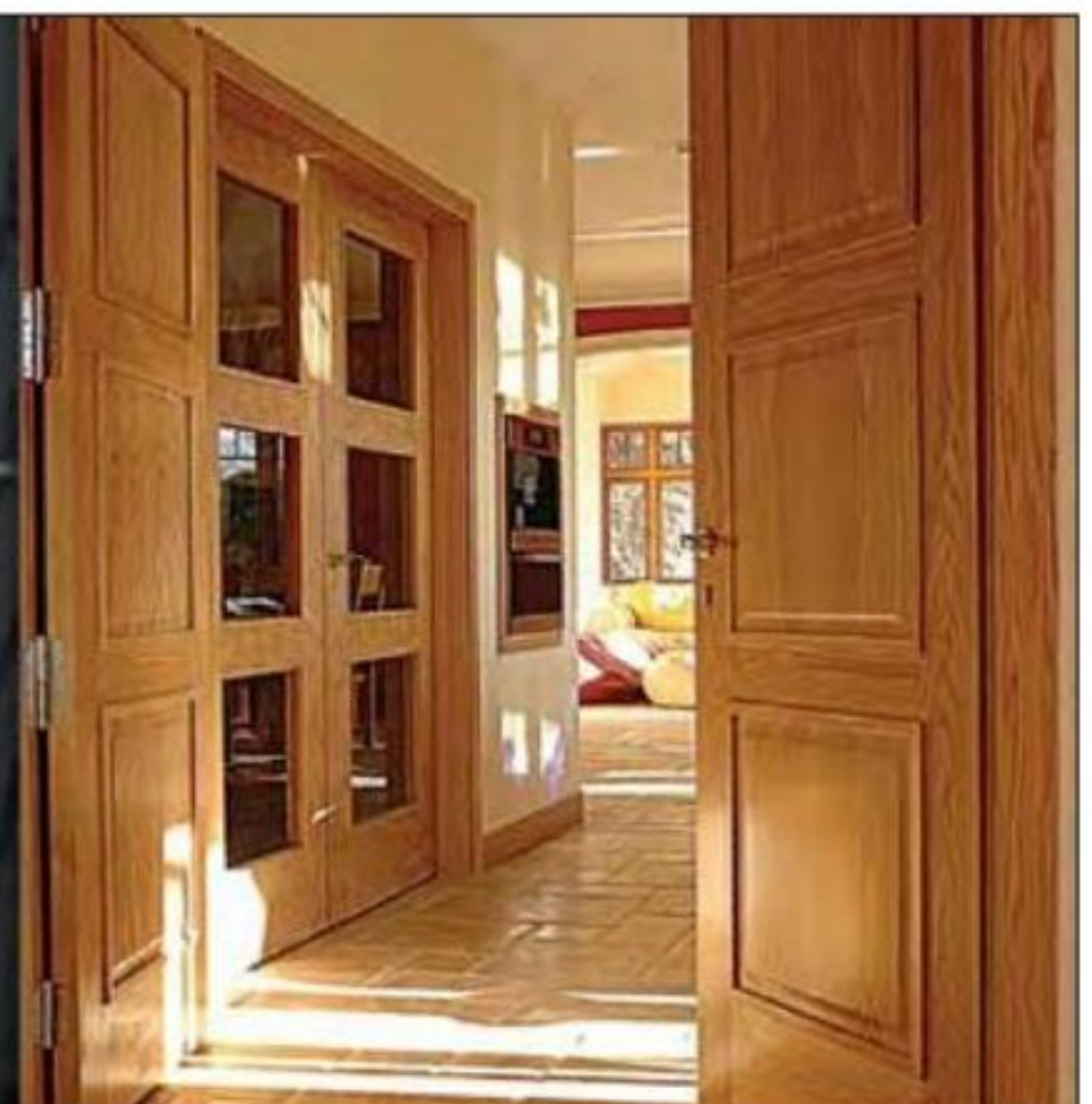
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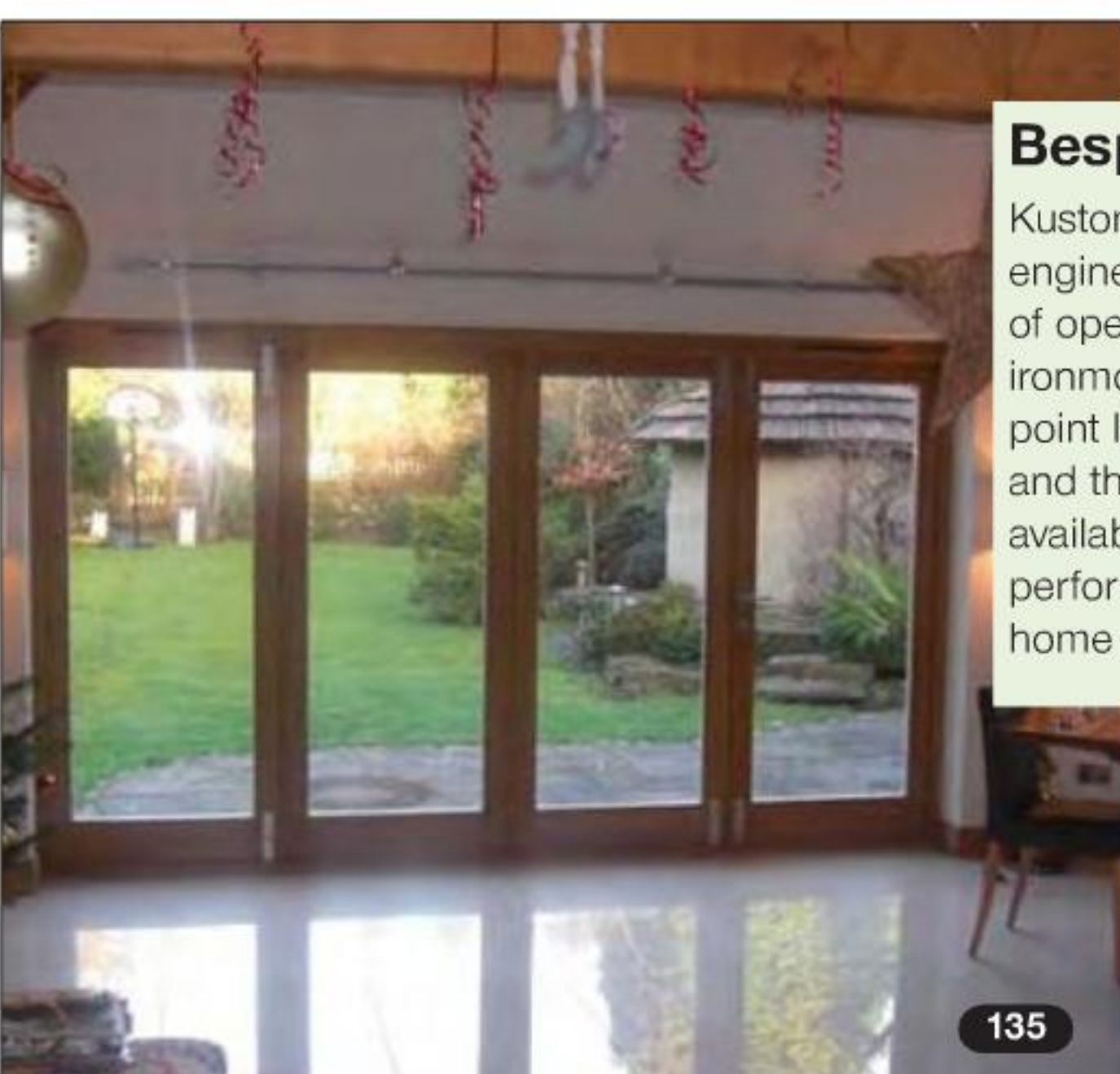


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Bespoke structures in glass and aluminium manufactured and installed throughout the UK by Apropos lend themselves to any new build project, including self build. Many newly constructed properties are contemporary in design and the mechanically engineered lines of the Apropos aluminium profiles fit in perfectly within the design criteria. Apropos bespoke structures include the increasingly more popular folding sliding doors, which when fully opened up refreshingly bring the outside in; truly al-fresco living.

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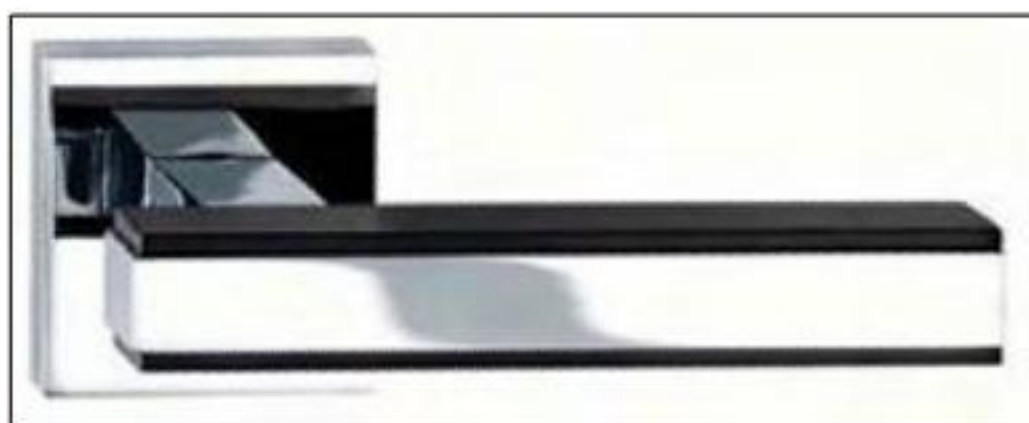
Hamilton Litestat

Hamilton Litestat is set to launch a new range of stylish door furniture to complement its comprehensive range of switch plates, sockets and lighting controls. Designed exclusively for Hamilton Litestat, the 'Perfect Partners' collection of limited edition door handles will be launched in September 2009. The new handles will be available in a variety of sleek design-led finishes. These contemporary finishes are also featured throughout Hamilton Litestat's range of switch plates, making them 'Perfect Partners'.

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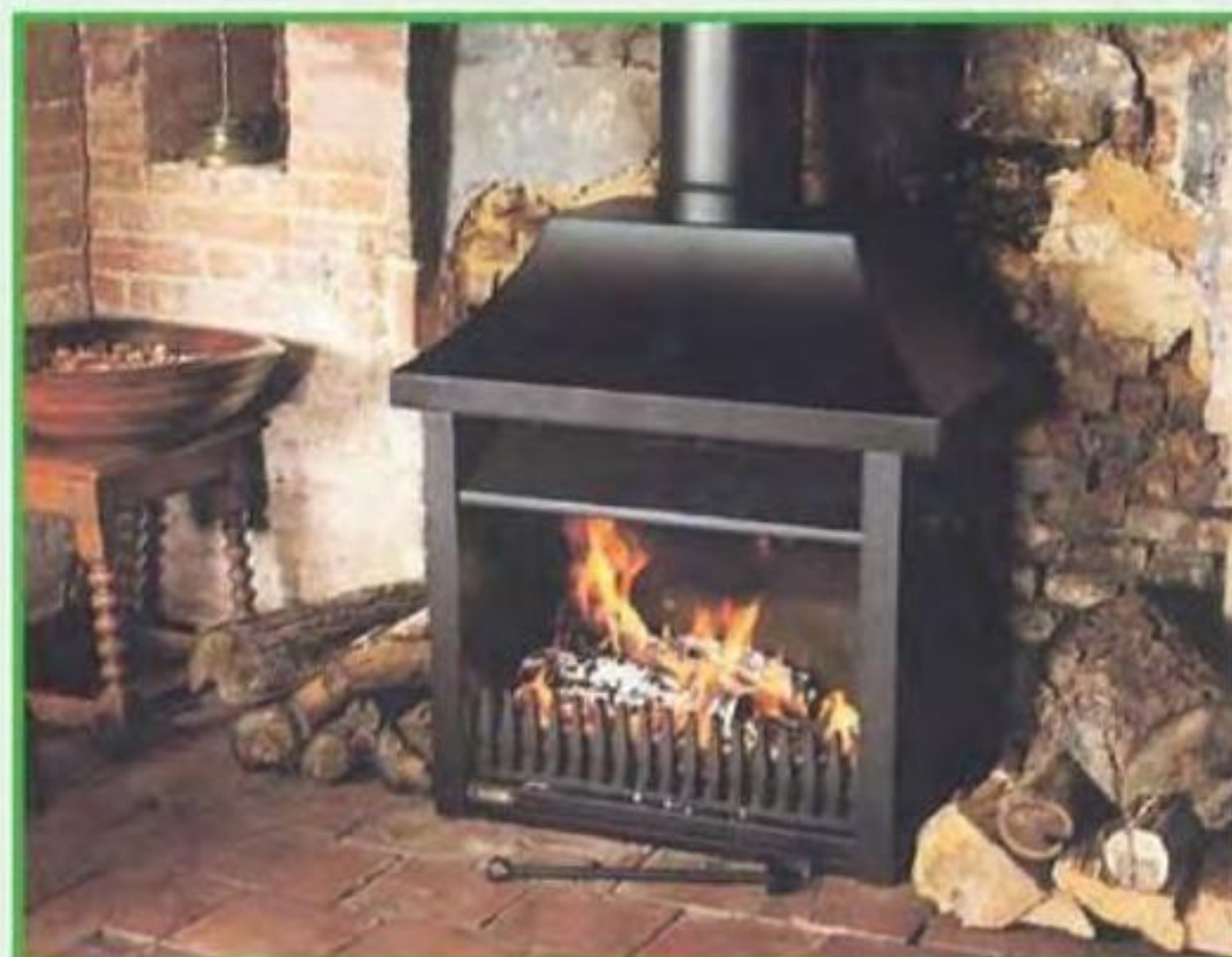
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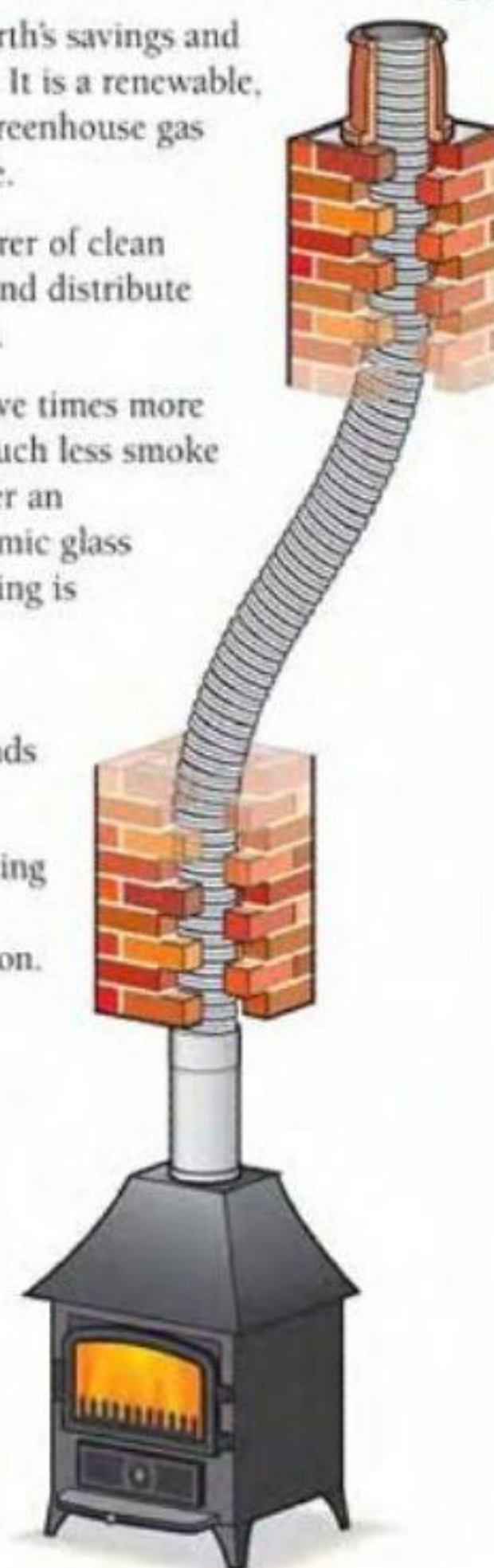
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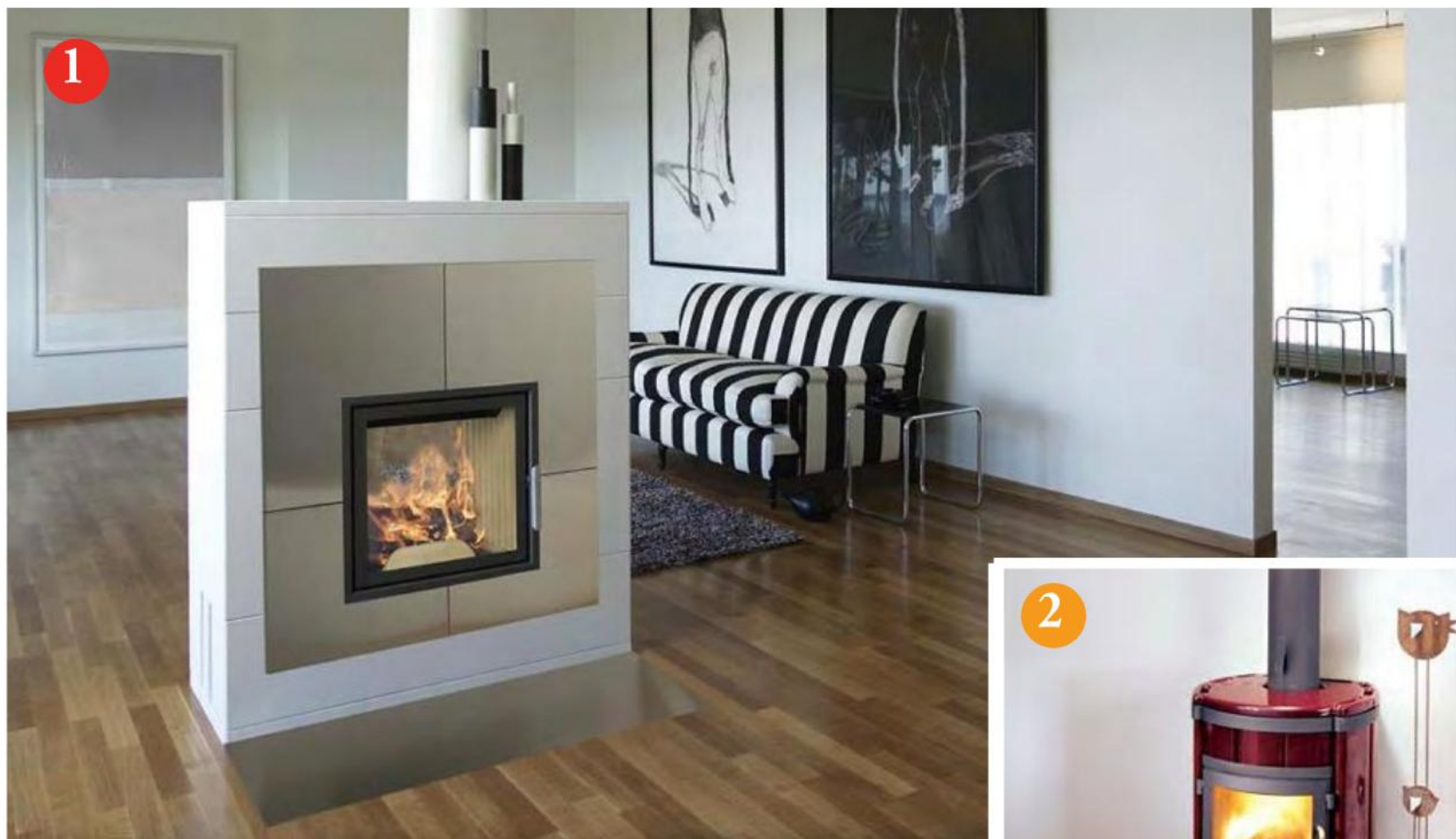


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Fires & Fireplaces Showcase

Selfbuilder & Homemaker magazine gets to the hearth of the matter, examining the latest innovations and designs from leading companies within the fires and fireplaces sector.





1. Introducing the first double sided stove from Nordpeis, from **ACR Heat Products**. This stunning Jersey Fireplace Suite comprises of the N-23G stove insert and the concrete Jersey surround with a multitude of options making this possibly the most versatile of all of our appliances. **157**

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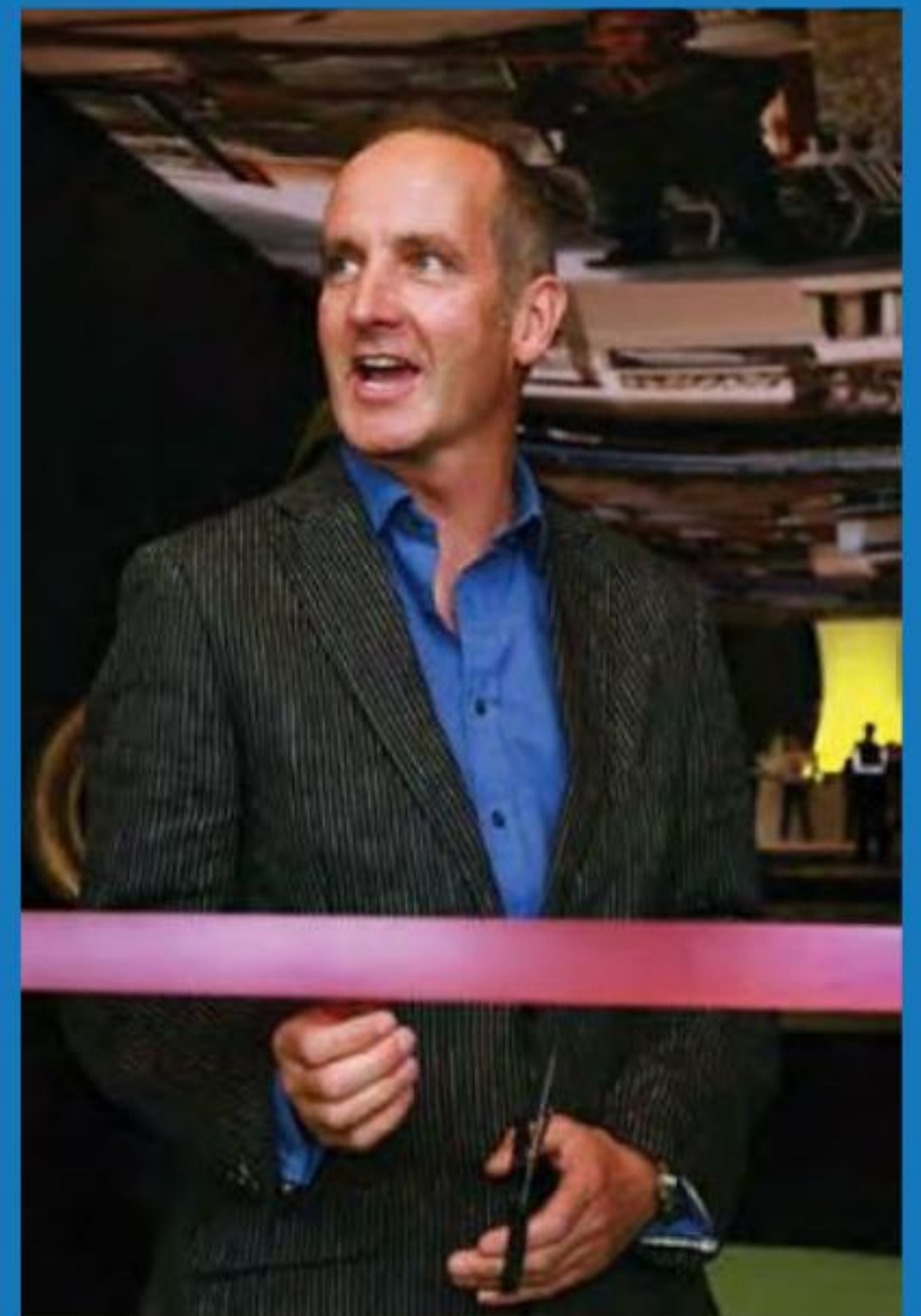
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For anyone who has an interest in design, build, interiors, homewares, gardens, kitchens and bathrooms, innovation, and the latest in sustainable living, Grand Designs Live Birmingham is the event to visit. Based on the hugely successful Channel 4 TV series – presented by Kevin McCloud, Grand Designs Live remains the only consumer exhibition offering visitors the chance to build, renovate and furnish their homes all under one roof.

Grand Designs Live London was a runaway success earlier this year, and visitors who could not make it to the show in London can look forward to some amazing features at the Birmingham show.

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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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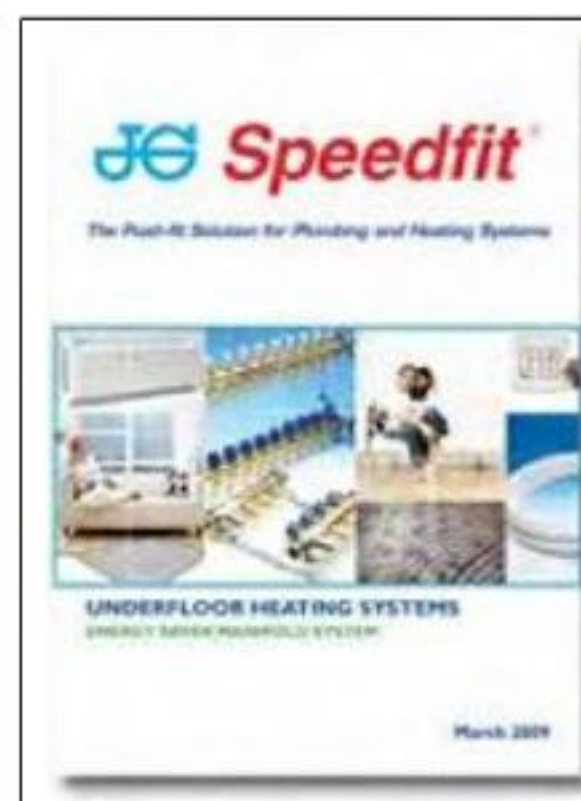
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They say that home is where the heart is. This is certainly true for one Cumbrian Valley resident who has turned her passion for wool into a home improvement project.

Cecilia Hewett, a life-long resident of Johnby near Penrith, has always been passionate about wool. She is a member of The Wool Clip, the much respected co-operative of farmers and textile craft workers, and is one of the organisers of the annual Woolfest event in Cockermouth, so is certainly keen to promote the benefits of this particular natural fibre.

Now, Cecilia is using this interest to benefit another passion of hers, Johnby Bank, her beautiful 18th century farmhouse.

Using Thermafleece, an insulation product from Second Nature UK Ltd made from British sheep's wool, Cecilia and her husband Graham have given Johnby Bank a much needed energy makeover as part of

ongoing renovation work.

The first place to benefit from some wool-based warmth is the cottage conservatory. The room, which features a dramatic glazed gable, is mainly used as a spinning workshop. Here Cecilia produces a variety of hand-spun yarns, many of which then are sold in The Wool Clip's shop in Caldbeck, alongside a large range of locally produced clothing, accessories, floor rugs, throws and handmade cushions, made by the other co-operative members. Cecilia said: "I spend a great deal of time working with wool in this room so I thought it was incredibly fitting to use wool to insulate it too!"

But the conservatory isn't the only area to benefit from Thermafleece. Cecilia and her husband are also in the process of converting one of the derelict barns attached to the main cottage, using the space to create new bedrooms, a bathroom, living areas and a future wool workshop.

Once again, Cecilia felt it was a

fitting tribute to the agricultural heritage of the site to use Thermafleece insulation to make it more energy efficient. She said: "We've used Thermafleece in the walls and pitched roof in the barn, not only to keep the building warm but also to make it more energy efficient. We also liked the idea of using Thermafleece here as, because it is made from sheep's wool, it helps to control humidity levels. This will be particularly beneficial for maintaining optimal conditions for my wool."

In keeping with their desire to be as ecological as possible, the Hewetts have also used other key products to give life to their barn conversion. As well as re-using stone from a derelict sheep house as part of the build, the couple have also installed solar panels for hot water and a biomass boiler to heat the property.

Reflecting on her decision to use a wool-based insulation material, Cecilia concluded: "I spend a great



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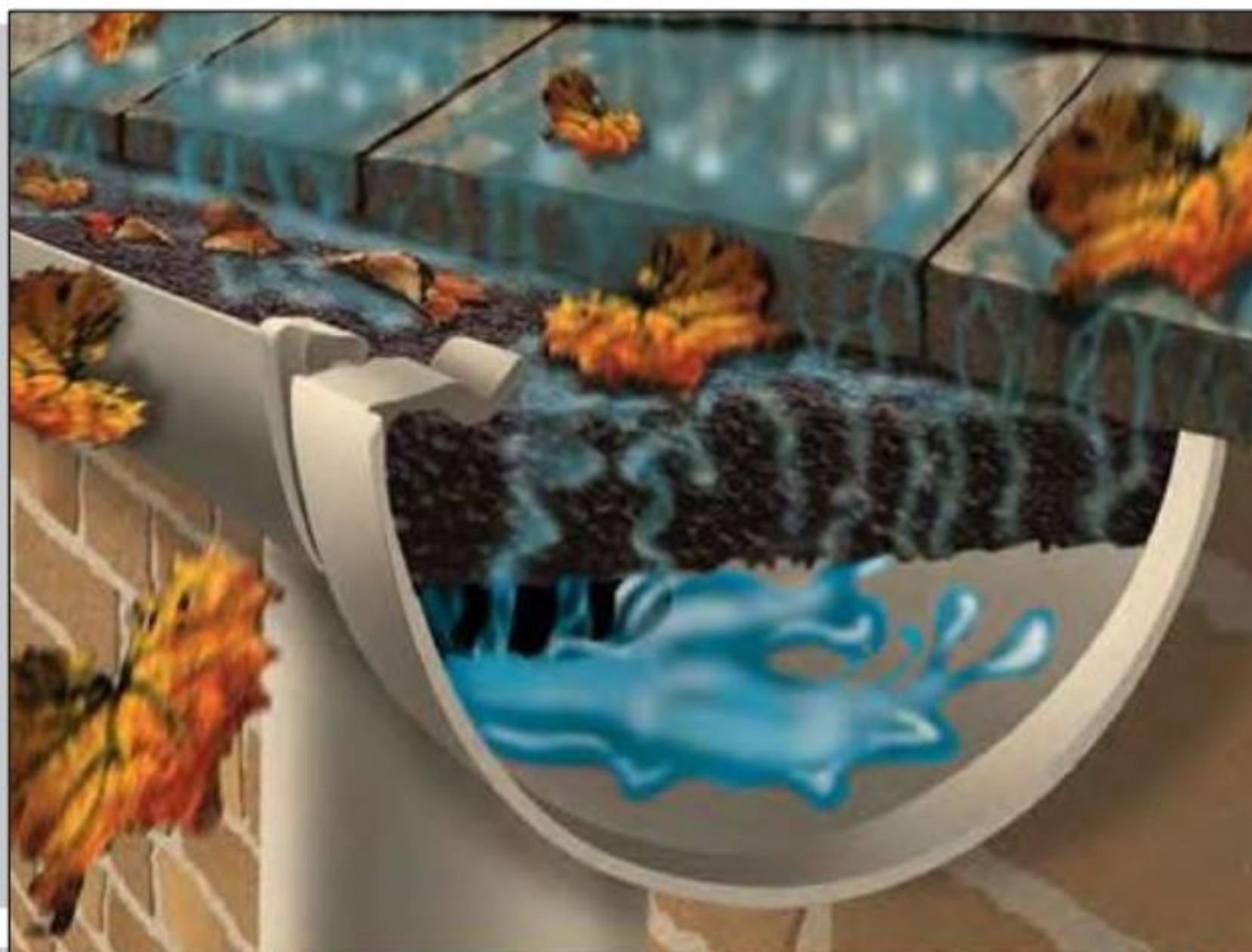


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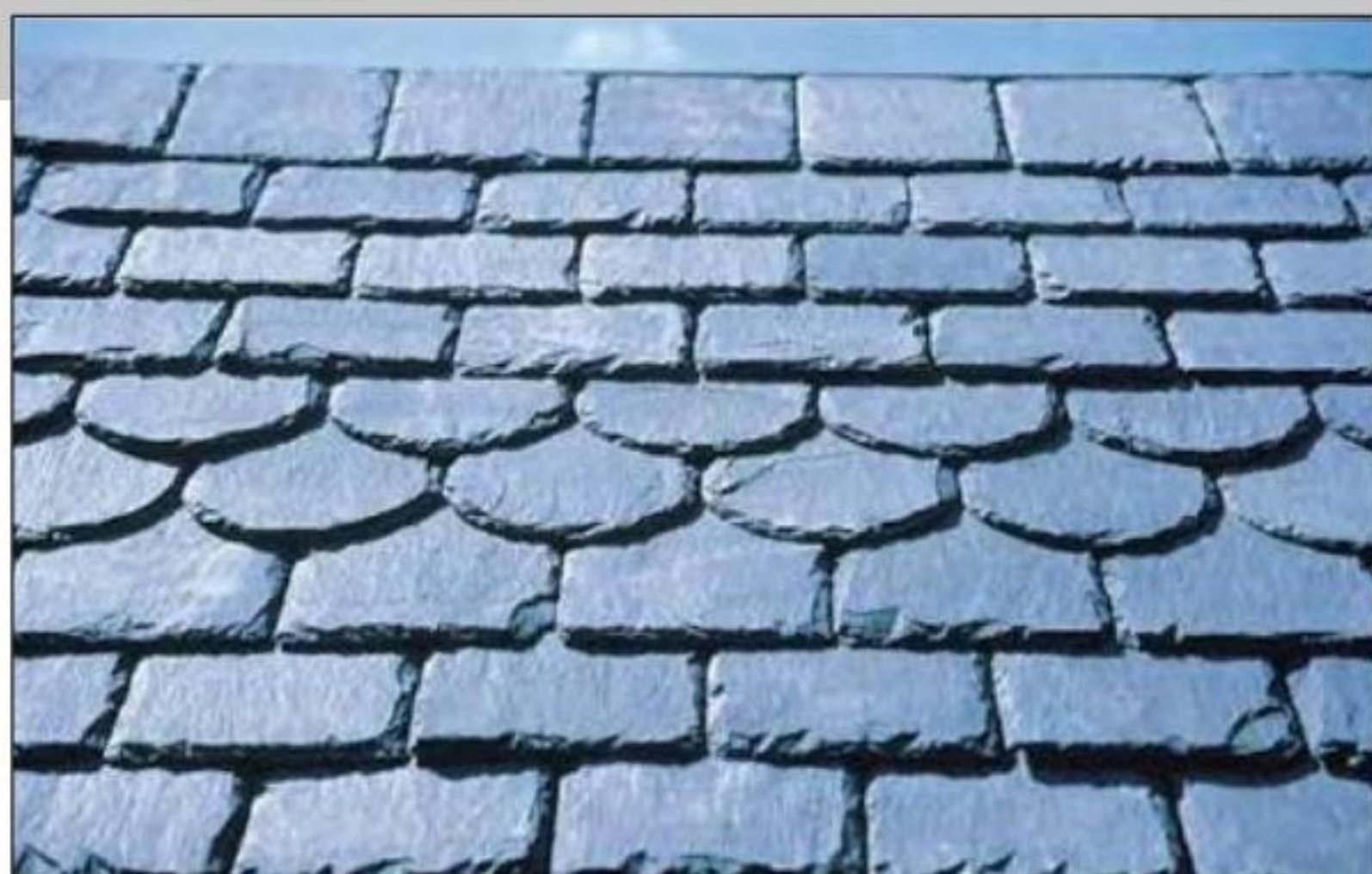
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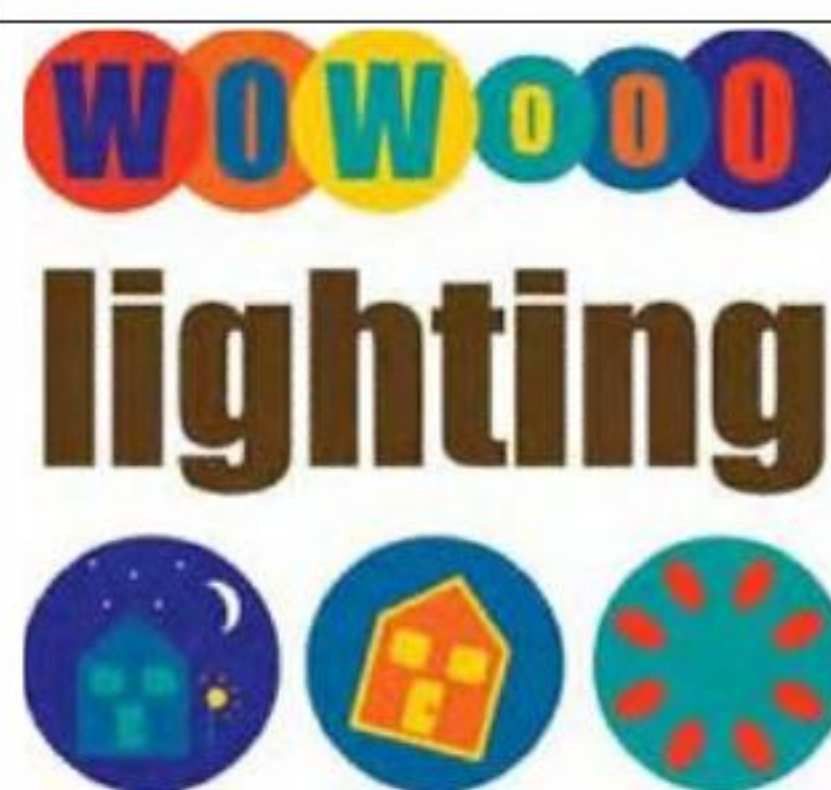
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When it comes to electrical work, it is not always best to do it yourself as you not only run the risk of it being highly dangerous, but failing to meet vital legal requirements. Here, home improvement expert Linda Barker and voluntary regulatory body for the electrical contracting industry NICEIC, tell you what you need to know.

Self building or renovating an existing property, particularly if it is your first, can be very exciting and it can be easy to get carried away with all the changes you want to make and the vision for how you want it to look. However, while you may have paid for the bricks and mortar, what many do not realise is that this doesn't mean you are free to do anything you want to your home. There is a whole host of legal regulations surrounding home improvements you need to get to grips with before you get started.

Looking at electrics, Part P of the Building Regulations was introduced by the Government in 2005 to prevent accidents caused by faulty electrical jobs and most work carried out in your home must meet its requirements.

Part P offers two viable options for self builders and homeowners looking to have electrical work done. The first and safest choice is to use an electrician registered with a government approved scheme, such as NICEIC, to carry out your electrical work. After completion your electrician will issue you with a Part P certificate to confirm the work meets the requirements of the Building

Regulations so you know it is safe and legal.

Alternatively, you can opt to carry out electrical work yourself but only if you can inspect and test that it is safe for use. To comply with the law you must notify your local building control office before you begin any work and pay the appropriate fee for them to inspect the work, after which you will receive an electrical safety certificate if confirmed as safe.

As with a lot of Building Regulations, while Part P covers most electrical work in your home there are certain relaxations. Minor work (which doesn't involve the addition of a new circuit, for example adding new sockets or light switches to an existing circuit) does not have to be done by a registered electrician and you do not need to notify your local building control office. However, it must still comply with the wiring regulations to make sure it is safe, so if

“Ensure the electrician is registered with a government approved scheme”

you don't know exactly what you're doing, it is still best left to the professionals.

Common sense is essential when deciding whether to go it alone or not. Kitchens and bathrooms, for example, are known in the trade as special locations and unless you are only replacing accessories, NICEIC really does recommend that work in these areas requires a registered electrician. Water and hot surfaces are not a good mix with electrics, especially in kitchens where there are so many appliances.

Gardens are another high risk area. The growing popularity of outdoor lighting and



modern water features presents a new risk for DIYers, but water and extremes of weather can make equipment deteriorate faster so installations need professional attention.

As a final thought, while it may be all too tempting to try to improve your home, without Part P, you might not be able to move. If you don't have a Part

P certificate to prove that work has been carried out by a registered electrician (or that the work has been passed as safe by your local building control office) it may cause problems when it comes to selling your home. Also, it is a criminal offence to carry out work that does not comply with Building Regulations and you could face a maximum fine of £5,000.

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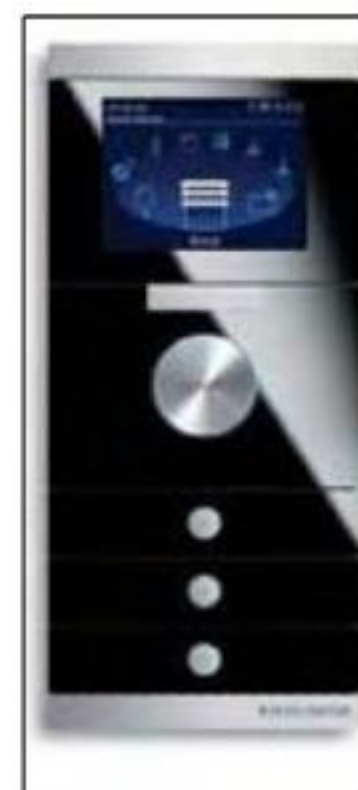
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Staircases have become open plan with open risers, and light balustrade structures allowing the passage of light.

What is Your Budget for the Staircase?

The first step in deciding on the staircase for you would be calculating your available budget. It would be advisable to contact a few companies initially to get some ball park figures. Your budget will be determined by the size / cost of your build and the emphasis you want to put on the staircase. The size, shape and materials you want will also affect the price. Your budget will also determine whether you go for the bespoke or modular option. Bespoke

stairs can cost £20k plus and modular options start are around £1.5k.

Don't forget to allow for installation, and if applicable, removal of an existing flight. Some companies offer installation and some just supply only. Be sure to check with the supplier what is included.

What Measurements do you need?

Measurements are obviously crucial for a new staircase. The precise dimensions required differ from project to project, but are generally:-

- The finished floor to floor height
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- The length and breadth of the stairwell opening



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Available Shapes and Styles?

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The styles on the market are generally split into two categories; traditional with closed risers and contemporary styles with open risers and glass balustrade.

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Complying with Building Regulations

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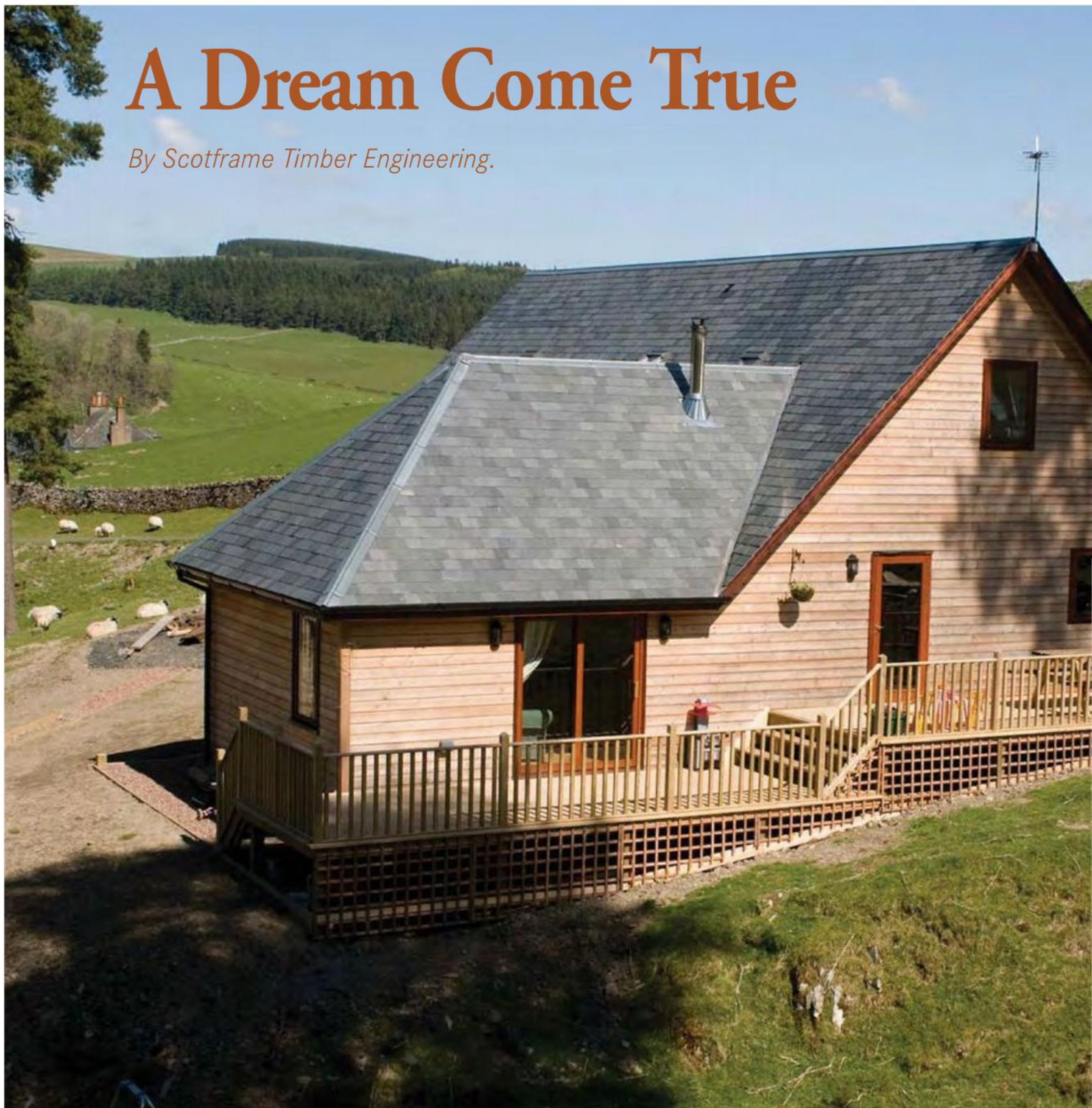


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Rebecca said: "It is so beautiful having the Burn rushing past the house, so soothing. The house is built on the side of a hollow, so it slopes down towards the river and looks over

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For the Borders couple and their two young children, the site was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Ian was a third generation tenant farmer on Woodburn Farm, named after the river which runs by their house at Robertson, six miles west of Hawick.

"The main source of advice and guidance came from the timber frame company"

Their first instinct was to build a bungalow for the express purpose of holiday letting while Ian continued to run his livestock farm. However, as the couple discussed the project, they began to see it as a chance for Ian to change direction from a career which had

occupied him since he left school.

So they decided to live in the house themselves, funding the purchase price of the half acre plot and some of the build costs by the sale of the livestock and machinery on the farm. They also sold a flat Ian had bought and renovated in Hawick to add to their cash resources.

Whilst the site was an opportunity, it was also a considerable challenge because of its pronounced position within a dip on the side of a hill. Ian had seen and been impressed by the quality and finish of homes produced and supplied by a timber frame specialist based in Cumbernauld. Rebecca and Ian started to investigate the Cumbernauld-based company's huge range of



off the shelf designs and styles. In the end, however, they decided to ask the timber frame company to create a unique, bespoke home for them which would overcome the difficulties of the sloping plot and also meet their particular requirements.

Rebecca said: "We originally obtained planning permission for a straight forward bungalow but since we were laying the foundations anyway, we decided to convert the huge attic space as well. So now, though it officially is a three-bedroom bungalow with an attic conversion, it is actually a five-bedroom family house.

"The timber frame company also helped us to change the balance of the house, creating smaller bedrooms all on one level downstairs and much bigger open living and kitchen areas with a change in level between them. The light floods into the living area through the patio doors and lets us take full advantage of the lovely views."

Although Ian project managed the build

himself and an architect was also involved, Rebecca said that their main source of advice and guidance turned out to be from the timber frame company.

"A challenging site within a dip on the hillside"

The planning process ran relatively smoothly for the Andersons, the cumulative minutiae of building control regulations proved to be complex and time consuming to deal with. The house had to be fully compliant with disability regulations although there were no disabled people living there; light switches had to be at a low level and electrical sockets at a high level; foundations and drains had to comply with strict guidelines; and even low level windows had to have safety catches and safety glass if they were more than one metre above the ground.

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The family moved in at the beginning of autumn last year and Ian is now concentrating on his garage door fitting and forestry services businesses, while Rebecca looks after her four-year-old at home and her five-year-old who has just started school.

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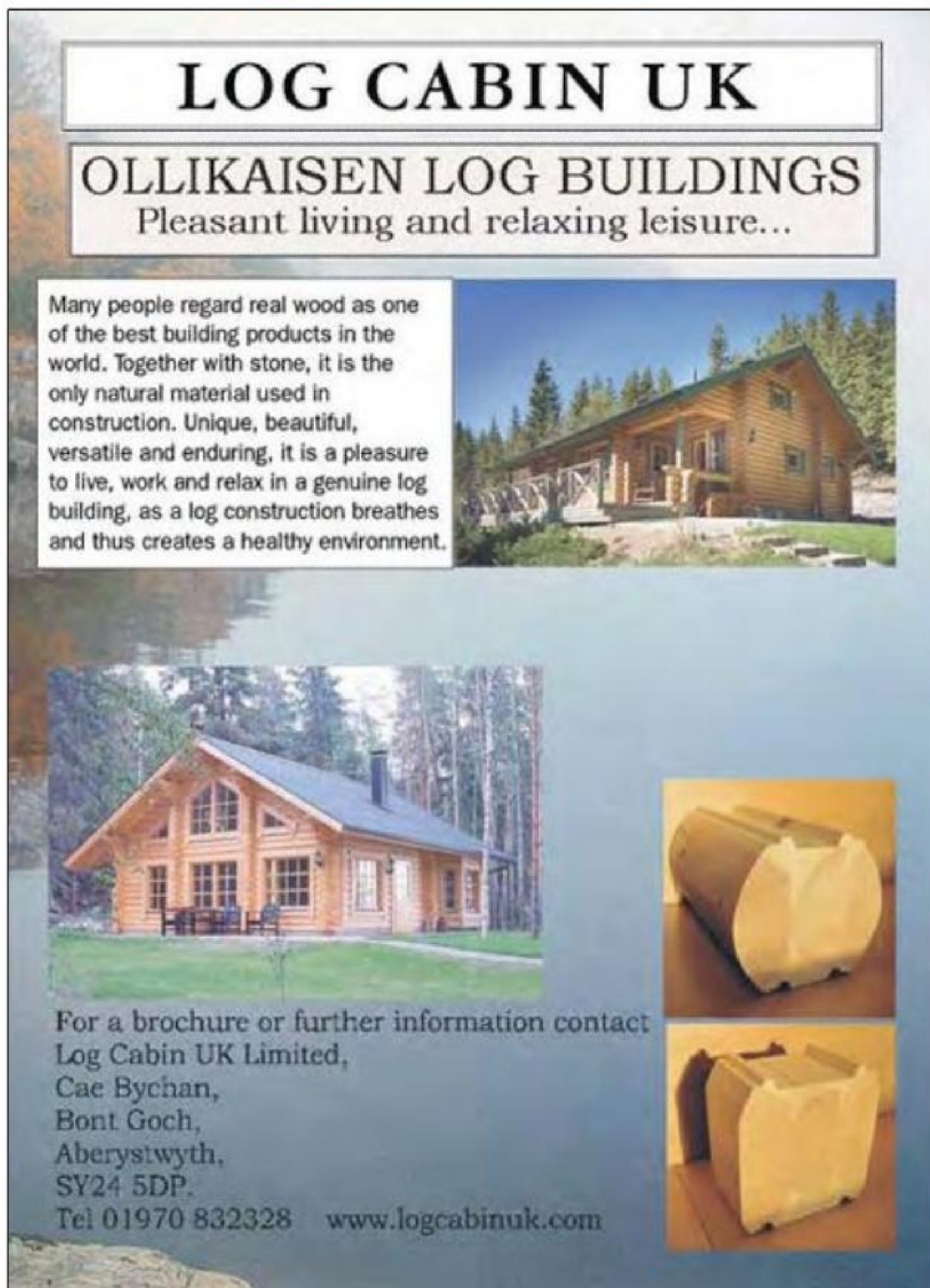
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