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10-11 JUNE 2023
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Meet over 100 suppliers at **Build It Live** this June and find out everything you need to know about home extensions, renovations or building a new home.

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Whether planning an extension, renovation or building from scratch, you won't regret your visit to Build It Live. This handy guide is designed to help you plan your day (or whole weekend!) as effectively as possible, to ensure you get all the answers you need to make your dream home happen.

Don't forget to pick up a Show Guide when you get to the event, which will give you the full list of suppliers you can meet at the show. From architects to oak frames, kitchens & bathrooms to beautiful glazing, finance, home tech and everything in between - meet over 100 of the UK's most innovative suppliers offering 1000s of products and services.

- FIND INSPIRATION FOR YOUR DREAM HOME PROJECT
- FREE ONE-TO-ONE PROFESSIONAL EXPERT ADVICE
- 1000S OF INNOVATIVE & TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS
- OVER 100 EXHIBITORS
- THE ONE-STOP SHOP FOR SELF BUILDERS
- TOP TIPS ON EXTENSIONS AND RENOVATIONS
- VISIT THE LAND ZONE FOR ADVICE ON FINDING THE PERFECT PLOT - **PLUS**, SEARCH AVAILABLE PLOTS FOR SALE

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See overleaf for timetables of what's on over the weekend



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ASK OUR EXPERTS

The Ask Our Experts lounge is many visitors' first destination at the show. Discuss your project with some of Build It magazine's regular contributors, who are all specialists in their field. Our Experts will provide you with practical, impartial advice that could be worth £1000s. Come prepared with your questions, floor plans or other documents, and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. **N.B. Slots can only be booked on the day, not in advance.**



CHRIS BATESMITH
EDITOR, BUILD IT

Chris has dedicated the last 14 years to writing about self build and is a champion for pushing the boundaries of self build in the UK. Chris is a trained site-carpenter and recently project managed Build It's very own self build project - the Build It Education House.



JULIA RIDDLE
PLANNING

Julia is a planning consultant with over 15 years of experience in a variety of planning work, including advising on, and achieving, planning permission for residential developments on a range of scales. She has been involved in writing guidance on custom and self build, to inform the national planning approach and has been specifically advising self builders for over seven years.



NIGEL GRIFFITHS
ECO HOMES

Nigel is director of the Sustainable Traditional Buildings Alliance and a consultant for energy efficiency policy and evaluation. He specialises in sustainable construction, renewable energy and building performance. He is also the author of the Haynes Eco-House Manual.



MARTIN GAINNE
PLANNING

Martin is a chartered town planner, founder of planning consultancy, Just Planning, and author of How To Get Planning Permission - An Insider's Secrets. He champions homeowners in the planning system, helping them to solve sticky planning problems, get planning permission, win appeals and deal with enforcement issues.



TOM MCSHERRY
FINANCE

Tom has worked in the financial services industry for 28 years - 15 of those specialising in self build mortgages and finance at BuildStore, providing expert advice to hundreds of customers embarking on major home building projects. Tom has completed two major home building projects himself and is widely regarded as a self build finance expert.



ALAN TIERNEY
PERIOD PROPERTIES & RENOVATIONS

Alan is a period property and building conservation specialist. Until recently he ran an historic buildings consultancy offering hands-on advice to heritage homeowners, but is now focussed on his current project: renovating a grade II* listed cottage.



JULIAN OWEN
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Julian Owen is Build It's design doctor and is a self build architect with his own practice. He is the founder of the Association of Self Build Architects. Over the years he has written a number of books on the subjects of self build, alteration and extensions, loft conversions and timber frame buildings.



OPINDER LIDDAR
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Opinder is a Build It Award-winning architect and a director at Lapd Architects. He specialises in self-build homes and renovation projects. Opinder is a regular expert at the National Self Build & Renovation Centre as well as the Build It Live exhibitions. He is also the design brains behind the Build It House.



JAMES BRYDEN
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

James has 26 years' experience in the construction industry. With a keen interest in sustainable building and micro-generation technologies, he has project managed everything from new builds to renovations. James has expert knowledge of residential developments including Listed Buildings.



GERALD COLE
SELF BUILD

Gerald Cole is an experienced self builder and was the launch editor of SelfBuild & Design magazine. He has over 25 years' experience providing detailed practical advice, based on his own genuine home building experiences, and is the author of Build Your Own Brick House.



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SEMINAR THEATRE



**FREE
SEMINARS**
EACH DAY

Our series of free seminars are developed by Build It's editorial team and our panel of experts to ensure all common questions are covered and to give you the knowledge to take control of your project. Please ensure you turn up promptly to get a seat. The programme is repeated each day.

10.20

A STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO SELF BUILD

Discover the pros and cons of building your own home. Build It's self build expert explains the process - from finding land, to setting a budget, designing your dream home and finding a builder.

11.00

DESIGNING YOUR DREAM HOME

Getting your design right is the essential element in creating your dream property. Architecture expert Julian Owen discusses how to plan and realise a home that works for you and your family, whether you're looking to renovate, extend or build from scratch.

11.40

PANEL SESSION: ECO HEATING DEBATE - NEW!

In this lively session, sector specialists will argue the pros and cons of various home energy solutions, from heat pumps to gas boilers.

12.20

RENOVATING A HOME WITH CHARACTER: UPDATING AN OLD HOUSE FOR MODERN ECO LIVING

Period property specialist Alan Tierney gives advice on the potential minefield of renovating or converting existing homes, including older houses.

13.00

HOW TO ADD MORE SPACE & VALUE

Design expert Opinder Liddar identifies the best value-adding projects for existing homes, from extensions through to loft conversions, and helps you to assess which option best suits your family's needs.

13.40

PANEL SESSION: THE PERFECT WAY TO BUILD YOUR HOME

- PLUS THE GREAT BUILD SYSTEMS DEBATE!

Uncover the pros and cons of the most popular construction systems in the UK: timber frame, brick & block, SIPs and ICF. A build systems expert discusses which structural option will suit your design, plot, budget and energy efficiency requirements.

14.20

THE DIFFERENT ROUTES TO MANAGING YOUR PROJECT

What are the routes you could take to build, renovate or extend your own home? Our project management expert explains what's involved in running the project yourself - from purchasing materials and hiring tradesmen to finishing on time and on budget! He'll also guide you through the other routes available and how costs vary.

15.00

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE HOME

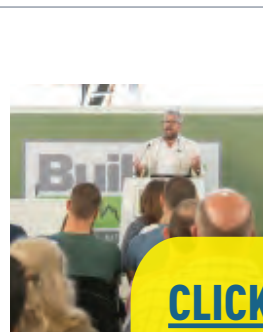
Our eco specialist, Nigel Griffiths, talks through everything you need to know about creating a low-energy home that's cost-effective to run - including why it's important to get the house's 'fabric' right before you invest in renewable technologies and what you need to consider during the construction stages.

15.40

HOW TO FIND LAND AND GET PLANNING PERMISSION

Your dream home starts with obtaining planning permission. Our plot and planning gurus guide you through the essential elements from submitting an application and gaining consent to appeals and tips on dealing with planners. They also give invaluable advice on finding a plot of land.

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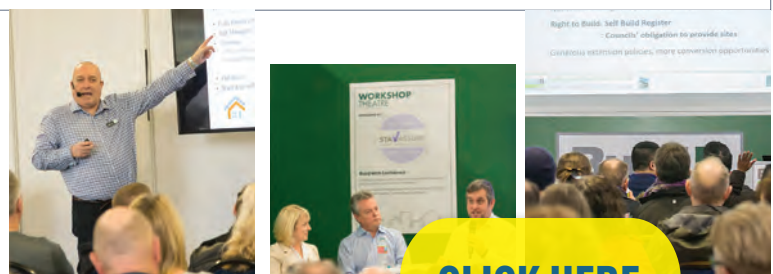
Whatever your question, you're bound to find the answer at one of our free workshops. Presented by leading suppliers and specialists, each session focuses on specific problems and choices that self builders and renovators face every day. Arrive early to get a seat!

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

- 10.30** Heat Pump Ventilation: Reduce Energy bills, Boost Air Quality & Bypass a Formal Heating System - Total Home Environment
- 11.00** Self Build Insurance: Protecting Your Build Now & in the Future - Self-Build Zone
- 11.30** Protect Your Project: Why Insurance & Warranties are Must-Haves - Protek
- 11.30** Extension Design: Adding Space, Value & Wow Factor on a Budget - Greenspace Architects
- 12.00** Funding Your Self Build & Renovation Plans - Buildstore
- 12.30** **Meet Freddie & Katie Pack - Real Life Self Build Story**
- 13.30** Solar PV & Battery Storage: How to Maximise Saving - Eco Energy Environment
- 14.00** Triple Glazing: the Best Way to Meet New Building Regs - Internorm
- 14.30** Passivhaus: Designing & Building Your Timber Frame Eco Home - MBC Timber Frame
- 15.00** Build Costs: Setting Your Project Budget & Sticking to It - Build It Estimating Service
- 15.30** Windows & Energy: Design Details for Comfortable Home - Green Building Store
- 16.00** Basement Benefits: The Best Ways to Add High-Quality Living Space - Basement Advice Clinic / Surrey Basements

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

- 10.30** Heat Pump Design: Is My Home Suitable for a Heat Pump? - Aura Energy
- 11.00** Natural & Sustainable Insulation Options for Your Project - Mike Wye
- 11.30** Self Build Insurance: Protecting Your Build Now & in the Future - Self-Build Zone
- 12.00** Funding Your Self Build & Renovation Plans - Buildstore
- 12.45** **Meet David & Jenny Bird - Real Life Self Build Story**
- 13.30** Creating a Value-for-Money Smart Home - Niko Home Control
- 14.00** Bifold Doors: Top Tips for Design, Configuration & Performance - Lacuna
- 14.30** Extending Your Home: Steps to Design & Planning Success - Allister Godfrey Architects
- 15.00** Build Costs: Setting Your Project Budget & Sticking to It - Build It Estimating Service
- 15.30** How to Find a Good Builder - Build It



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BUILD IT'S SELF BUILD TRAINING TASTER SESSIONS

At the exhibition, you can enjoy some taster sessions of Build It's Self Build Virtual Training courses. The interactive series of online courses are presented by Build It's expert contributors and Potton's highly experienced self build team. Take a seat to get an understanding of how the training courses can help you with your project. Build It Live features short, 20-minute taster sessions of the courses. **You can also pick up a special discount for the courses!**



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- 11.00** What You Can Achieve Without Planning Permission
- 12.00** Got Planning? How To Move Your Project Forward
- 13.00** Project Management Routes & Steps to Success
- 14.00** Is a Heat Pump Right For You?
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- 14.00** Heating Options: Living Off The Mains Gas Grid
- 15.00** Designing Your Dream Home

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HEATING ADVICE CLINIC

If you're looking for a heating system for your project, then you know there are a myriad of options. Visit our Heating Advice Clinic to help you decide on the best heat source for your home. From gas boilers (mains & LPG), oil boilers, ground source, air source to solar, come and discover the pros and cons, and talk to our heating expert.



BASEMENT ADVICE CLINIC

Building a basement is a cost effective way to create high-quality space ... and to beat the planners! In Europe they are common place, but here we've overlooked this opportunity for too long. Visit the Basement Advice Clinic to discover how it could give you the extra space you need.



EXTENSION ADVICE CLINIC

If you love your current home, but want to add more space, then an extension might be the right route for you. When executed properly, extensions can add thousands to your property's worth. However, sometimes obtaining planning permission for your extension can be tricky. Visit the Extensions Clinic at the show for professional one to one advice!



BUILD COST CLINIC

Getting a grip with what your self-build or renovation project is likely to cost will help you focus your design choices, check builders' quotes and may even save you money! Visit the Build Cost Clinic for free advice!



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SELF BUILDERS'

OWN STORIES LIVE

Visit the Workshop Theatre at the times below to hear successful self build stories from the self builders directly. Hear these self builders' true stories and gain practical knowledge and tips to help you with your project.

SATURDAY

12:30

MEET FREDDIE & KATIE

While living in a tiny cabin on the family farm, Freddie and Katie Pack saved up to build their dream eco home on a plot a few fields away. Opting for a timber and steel frame, the couple created a stunning, open-plan and fuss-free property that has plenty of wow-factor, both inside and out! Plus, thanks to a fabric first approach, their new home is cost-effective to run. Hear from the pair as they share their story.



SUNDAY

12:45 MEET DAVID & JENNY

When vicar David Bird retired, he and his wife Jenny were forced to leave the London vicarage they had called home for the past seven years. Keen to build, renovate or convert an existing property into an unusual home, they began what would become a four-year search. Eventually, the couple found a small infill plot, on brownfield land in an Oxford quarry, and jumped at the chance to buy it. Working with Banks Walmsley Architects, the pair designed a compact but stylish timber frame home, that perfectly fits its snug setting. Hear from the Birds, as they share the story behind their unique forever home.



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SO MUCH UNDER ONE ROOF!

MEET THE UK'S MOST INNOVATIVE SUPPLIERS OFFERING 1000s OF PRODUCTS & SERVICES...

From new and cutting-edge to classic and traditional, there's plenty at the show to suit your style (and your budget!)

- Architects & Designers
- Bathrooms
- Bricks & Masonry
- Central Vacuum Systems
- Conservatories & Outbuildings
- Design & Build Home Packages
- Doors & Windows
- Eco Products
- Exterior Finishes
- Finding Land
- Folding Sliding Doors
- Heating & Ventilation
- Home Security
- Home Technology
- Insulated Concrete Formwork (ICF)
- Insulation & Sound Proofing
- Insurances & Warranties
- Interior Fixtures & Finishes
- Kitchens
- Lighting & Electrics
- Lofts & Basements
- Oak Frame Specialists
- Project Managers & Professionals
- Renewable Energy
- Roof Structures & Coverings
- Self Build Mortgage Specialists
- Staircases
- Structural Insulated Panel (SIPs) Manufacturers
- Timber & Stone Flooring
- Timber Frame Specialists
- Underfloor Heating



DON'T MISS...



● HEATING ADVICE CLINIC

By popular demand, visit our Heating Advice Clinic to help you decide on the best heat source for your home.

● BUILD COST CLINIC

Discuss your project with one of our Estimators to better understand how much it will cost to build the home of your dreams.

● STRIKING GLAZING OPTIONS

Meet a host of glazing manufacturers demonstrating a huge range of bifold & sliding doors, windows & rooflights. From kitchen extension to a whole new build, create a wonderfully bright and airy home!

● THE NAKED HOUSE

See a cut-away home at '1st fix' - from ICF blockwork to roof trusses and floor joists. Plus learn more about how Build It built their own house on Graven Hill, to give you an unrivalled insight into what it takes to build your own home.

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● BUILD SYSTEM OPTIONS

Meet the widest range of exhibitors specialising in each of the key construction methods for self build, helping you assess the right route for you.

● SELF-BUILDERS' OWN STORIES LIVE

Gain inspiration and confidence from Build It readers who have realised their self-build dreams. Hear their stories in the live theatre on the show floor.

● BASEMENT ADVICE CLINIC

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● LAND ZONE

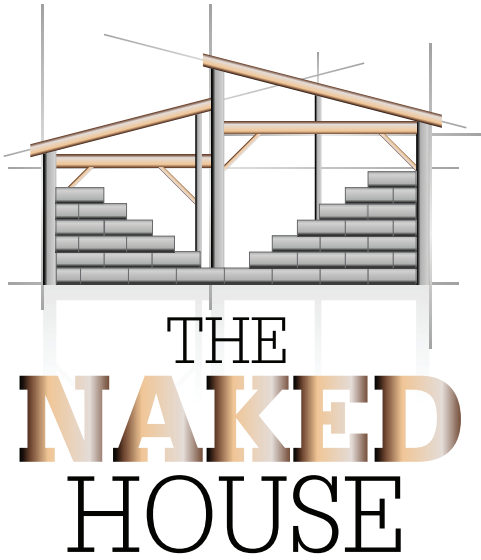
Make sure you visit the Land Zone, brought to you by PlotBrowser - the online portal dedicated to real building plots. Here, you'll be able to discover the various routes to finding the right plot. Gain valuable tips for finding land and browse real, available plots currently on the market.

● THE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRODUCTS PAVILION

Whether building from scratch or renovating an old house, if you want a truly sustainable, healthy home, then every aspect of your project needs to be considered in detail - from low-energy design strategies through to the products and finishes that go into both the structural fabric and the internal fit-out.

● DESIGN KNOW-HOW

Meet a wide range of Architects and Designers offering free advice & inspiration to guide you to the home of your dreams.



THE NAKED HOUSE

Come along and see our cutaway home, so you can observe the building materials at first-fix. The Naked House is inspired by the choices we made for Build It's Self Build Education House in Bicester, Oxfordshire. From ICF blockwork to doors and trusses, the Naked House gives you an unrivalled insight into what it takes to build your own house.



The key to a successful project is bringing the right team on board. Here are some of the contributors we chose to work with for our self build project, which you can meet either at the Naked House, or on a stand in the exhibition hall.

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SERVICED PLOTS

You'll also be able to obtain information about the latest serviced plot projects across the UK, including the award-winning Webbs Meadow, a brand-new oak frame neighbourhood by Oakwrights, and the up-coming Orchard Farm Kent project, developed with Steenvlinder. Speak to the teams behind the schemes, find out more and reserve your plot.



LAND-FOCUSED SEMINARS AND ADVICE

At the show, we have seminars and expert one-on-one advice dedicated to this first stage of your self build. Don't miss the Seminar Stage at 15.40 each day for "How to find land and getting planning permission".

SO MUCH TO THINK ABOUT!

There is a lot to consider when hunting for a plot of land to build your dream home on. Does the plot have planning permission granted? If so, what type of planning permission - detailed with specifics in place or more flexible outline permission? When does the planning permission expire, or has it already done so? And so the list of considerations goes on.

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Saturday 10th June 2023 | 10am to 5pm

Sunday 11th June 2023 | 10am to 4.30pm

BUILD IT LIVE WILL TAKE PLACE AT BICESTER HERITAGE EVENT CENTRE

Just off the M40 on the borders of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire & Northamptonshire. Extensive free parking plus catering facilities. The show is just 5 minutes drive from Bicester Outlet Village and the Graven Hill site. OX26 5HA

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onto the back
of our house

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of land and want
to build a home but
don't know how
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