

# Build It Live



SELF-BUILDING / RENOVATING / EXTENDING

2-3 OCTOBER 2021  
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## Plan your visit



Meet over 100 suppliers at **Build It Live** this October and find out everything you need to know about home extensions, renovations or building a new home

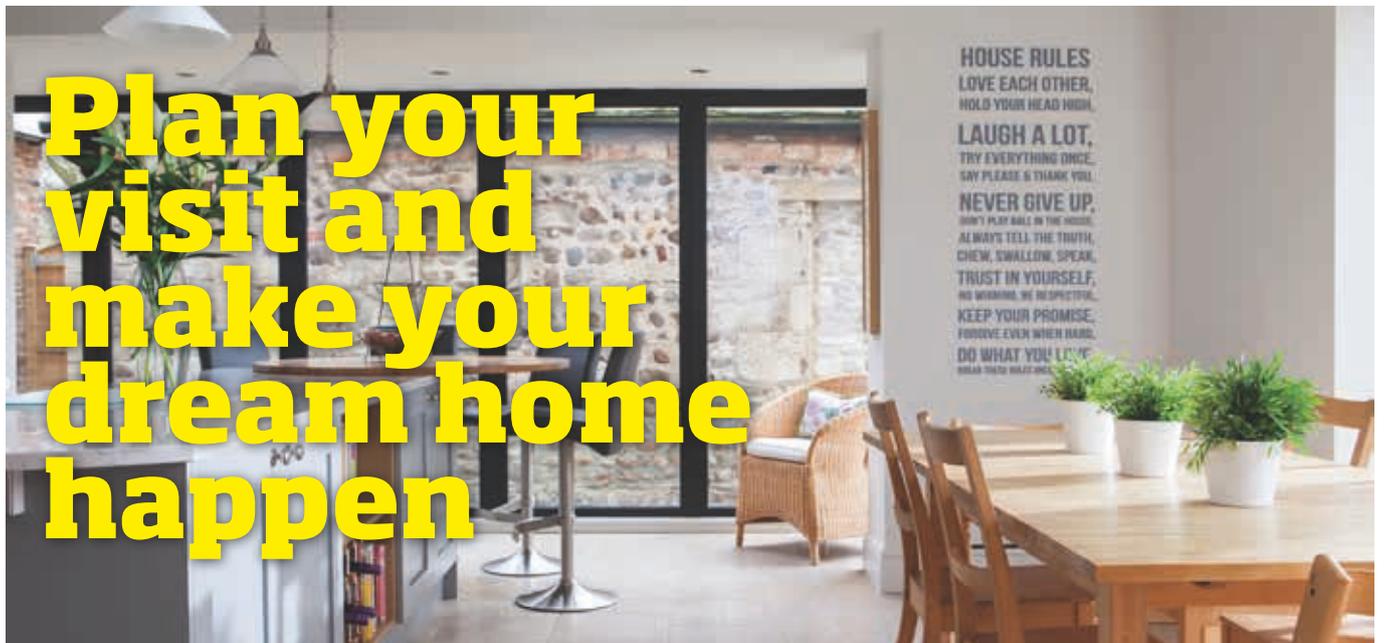
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INDIVIDUAL HOME

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# Plan your visit and make your dream home happen

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 inbetween - 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
- HELP TO FIND LAND
- VIEW NEW PLOTS FOR SALE ON GRAVEN HILL



**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 BATES**  
EDITOR, BUILD IT

Chris has dedicated the last 10 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.



**JULIAN OWEN**  
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Julian Owen is Build It's design doctor and is a self-build architect with his own architects 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 building.



**JULIA RIDDLE**  
PLANNING

Julia is a planning consultant with over 16 years of experience in a variety of planning work, including advising on and achieving planning permission for residential development 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 specifically been advising self-builders for over 9 years.



**MIKE HARDWICK**  
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Mike is an independent self build consultant and project management specialist. Since self building his own family home in 2002, he has become a leading expert and is currently general manager of the National Custom & Self Build association.



**OPINDER LIDDAR**  
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Opinder is a Build It Award-winning architect and a director at lapd architects. He specialises in self-build and renovation and is a regular consultant at the National Self-Build & Renovation Centre. Opinder is a key member of the Build A Dream Self Build Association, which helps novices to build their own home or set up group schemes.



**MARIANNE SUHR**  
PERIOD PROPERTIES & RENOVATION

Marianne is a Chartered Building Surveyor, writer and broadcaster specialising in the repair of historic buildings. She co-presented three series of BBC2's Restoration programme and more recently Channel 4's Restoration of the Year. She has repaired and adapted four houses of her own, and used the experience gained to set up The Old House Consultancy.



**TOM MCSHERRY**  
FINANCE

BuildStore's finance expert, Tom, has specialised in finance for self-build and renovation for 15 years. Over the years he has put together hundreds of financial loan deals especially for self-build and renovation projects throughout the UK.



**PETER DRAPER**  
ECO HOMES

Peter is Director and Sustainability Chair of the Sustainable Traditional Buildings Alliance (STBA). A qualified building surveyor and founder of Rounded Developments Enterprises, he has over 15 years' experience advising individuals and community groups on sustainability strategies for both new build eco homes and retrofit projects.



**KARIM MALHAME**  
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Karim is a building project management expert based in Berkshire and Surrey, working for construction project consultancy CLPM. He has a wealth of experience in the industry, from working on commercial developments in the UK and international markets through to developing and managing a personal portfolio of properties, and giving project management support to people undertaking selfbuilds, renovations and extensions.



**MARIO PEREIRA**  
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Mario has worked in the construction industry for over 20 years, and is an experienced construction project manager with CLPM Ltd. He's provided independent advice and support for dozens of self-builders across London and the South East, helping them build or improve their dream homes in a smarter and more sustainable way - whether using conventional build routes or more modern methods, such as timber frame and SIPs.

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**Book your slot early to avoid disappointment!**

# SEMINAR THEATRE

8

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.

**10.15**

### A STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO SELF BUILD

Discover the pros and cons of building your own home. Learn all about the self build process from one of our experts - from finding land to setting a budget and designing your dream home.

**11.00**

### DESIGNING YOUR DREAM HOME

Getting your design right is the essential element in creating your dream property. One of Build It's architecture experts will discuss how to plan and realise a home that works for you and your family, whether you're looking to renovate or build from scratch.

**11.45**

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

Build It's period property and eco specialist gives advice on the potential minefield of renovating or converting existing homes, including older buildings. They will talk through everything you need to know about converting and old house into a modern low-energy home

**12.30**

### BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE HOME

Our eco specialist 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 stage.

**13.15**

### HOW TO ADD MORE SPACE & VALUE

Discover the best value-adding projects for existing homes, from extensions through to loft conversions, and assess which option best suits your family's needs.

**PANEL SESSION 14.00**

### 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. Our build systems experts will discuss each structural option, so you can assess which will suit your design, plot, budget and energy efficiency requirements.

**15.00**

### THE DIFFERENT ROUTES TO MANAGING YOUR PROJECT

What are the routes you could take to build or renovate 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.

**15.45**

### HOW TO FIND LAND AND GETTING PLANNING PERMISSION

Whether new build, renovation or extension, creating your dream home starts with obtaining planning permission. Our plot and planning specialist guides you through the essential elements, including submitting an application and gaining consent. Plus, get invaluable advice on finding a plot of land.

FOR FULL PROGRAMME & TIMES VISIT [WWW.BUILDITLIVE.CO.UK](http://WWW.BUILDITLIVE.CO.UK)

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# WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

15  
FREE  
WORKSHOPS

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 2 OCTOBER

- 10.30** Home Renovation: Simple Steps to Future-Proof & Accessible Living - Evermore Homes
- 11.00** **Chris & Jenny Shepperd's Contemporary Self Build Home - Self Build Story**
- 12.00** Funding Your Self Build & Renovation Plans - BuildStore
- 12.30** Windows for Eco Projects: How to Choose the Best Glazing - Velfac
- 13.00** Protect Your Project: Why Insurance & Warranties are Must-Have - Self-Build Zone
- 13.30** Energy Bills & Indoor Air Quality: How Eco Should You Go? - Total Home Environment
- 14.00** **The Sharps' Award-Winning Timber Frame Home - Self Build Story**
- 15.00** Installing a Ground Source Heat Pump: Pros, Cons & Costs - Kensa Heat Pumps
- 15.30** Extension Design: Adding Space Value & Wow Factor on a Budget - Greenspace Architects
- 16.00** Eco Heating: How to Decide on the Right System - Build It

## SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

- 10.30** Making the Most of Timber Frame in Your Home Building Project - Fleming Homes
- 11.00** **Tania Gibson's Eco-Friendly Home - Self Build Story**
- 12.00** Funding Your Self Build & Renovation Plans - BuildStore
- 12.30** Smart Homes: Value-for-Money Options to Improve Your Lifestyle - Link It Solutions
- 13.00** How Rooflights Can Bring Your Home Extension to Life - Fakro
- 13.30** Eco Homes: Practical Tips for Building a Passivhaus - Green Building Store
- 14.00** **The Sharps' Award-Winning Timber Frame Home - Self Build Story**
- 15.00** Air Source vs Ground Source Heat Pumps: Which to Choose and Why - Hex Energy
- 15.30** Extending an Old House: Top Tips from an Architect - Lynn Palmer Architects

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# BUILD IT'S SELF BUILD TRAINING TASTER SESSIONS

Build It's Self Build Virtual Training will give you the detailed know-how to successfully realise your dream home on time and on budget. Run in partnership with Potton's Self Build Academy, this interactive series of courses are presented by Build It's expert contributors and Potton's highly experienced self build team. Build It Live features short 20 minute taster sessions of the courses. Pop along to any sessions of your choice. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.



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- 10.30** Finding Land & Assessing a Plot's Potential
- 11.30** Completing Your Build on Time & On Budget
- 13.30** Designing Your Dream Home: Mastering the Process
- 14.30** Planning Approved: Move Your Project Forward
- 15.30** Building Routes & Choosing a Structural System

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AFTER THE SHOW GO TO [WWW.BUILDIT.CO.UK/TRAINING](http://WWW.BUILDIT.CO.UK/TRAINING)

## VISIT OUR HANDY DROP-IN CLINICS

FOR FREE INFORMATION AND ADVICE



### 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

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# SELF BUILDER

## 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

#### 11:00 MEET CHRIS & JENNY

Chris and Jenny Shepperd worked with Frame Technologies to create a stunning and contemporary five-bed, two-storey house set in a spectacular location in Warwickshire. The house boasts a timber frame, clad in stone, with some fibre cement cladding and a slate roof. As well as being highly efficient, it incorporates beautiful features, such as a floating curved staircase, external balconies and a vaulted ceiling over the kitchen.



#### 14:00 MEET JAMES & CAROLINE

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

As long-term residents of an idyllic Hampshire village, James and Caroline Sharp were keen to stay in the area when they decided to build a new house. They discovered a large, flat plot on the outskirts of the village, with planning permission in place, so jumped at the chance to buy it. The couple brought in Studio 4 Architects and English Brothers to come up with an open and family-friendly design that would deliver the character and wow factor of oak frame. Now, the Sharps have a light-filled and modern home that encourages healthy, low-bills living.

### SUNDAY

#### 11:00 MEET TANIA

Blending in with the surrounding countryside was key when Tania Gibson decided to build her own environmentally-friendly home. Located in Buckinghamshire, Tania demolished a leaky, draughty bungalow in order to make way for a sleek and contemporary kit home. For the task, Tania chose HebHomes, an award-winning company creating off-the-peg kit homes that incorporate the latest eco-friendly construction materials. She now owns a beautiful, light-filled property with walls of glass that allow for unobstructed landscape vistas.



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# GRAVEN HILL ZONE

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AS SEEN ON  
*Grand Designs:  
The Street*  
on Channel 4



If you'd like to find out more about the opportunities to self or custom build your own home in Bicester, visit the Graven Hill Zone at **Build It Live!**

- Meet the Graven Hill team for one-to-one advice sessions
- See the availability of self-build plots at Graven Hill
- Learn about how to achieve planning permission in 28 days
- Hear from real life self-builders who've completed their project
- Find out more about the next phase of self-build plots!

Discover more about the UK's largest self build project  
[www.gravenhill.co.uk](http://www.gravenhill.co.uk)

**YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR FROM SELF BUILDERS WHO'VE COMPLETED THEIR HOMES ON GRAVEN HILL!**

**SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER**

## 12:15 MEET DARREN & CHRISTINE

Having renovated properties in the past, Darren and Christine got stuck in with their self build project at Graven Hill, taking a hands-on approach once they had found a plot that suited their requirements. Initially, the couple were considering a timber frame structure, but after consulting their architect they chose brick and block. As well as being very structurally sound, they found this traditional method to be cheaper and more aesthetically pleasing.

**SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER**

## 12:15 MEET ROBERT

Since he was a teenager, Robert had dreamt of building his own home, but never thought he'd have the opportunity to do so. Then in 2019, after living and working in Dubai for 11 years, Robert decided the time had come to move back to the UK and pursue his self build aspirations. While searching for plots, he discovered Graven Hill, and now is the proud owner of a three-bedroom detached home, built almost entirely with his own hands.



# 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
- Plumbing & Drainage
- 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



## AND 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.

### ● DESIGN KNOW HOW

Meet a wide range of Architects and Designers offering free advice and inspiration to guide you to 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.

### ● 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.

### ● EXTENSIONS CLINIC

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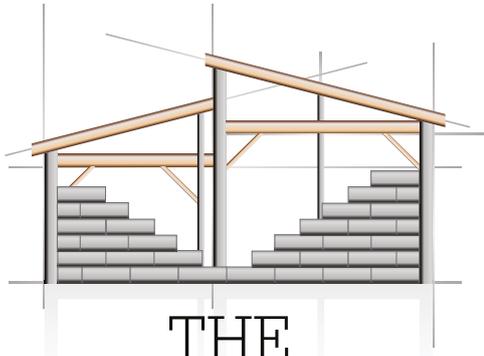
Gain inspiration and confidence from Build It readers who have realised their self-build dreams. Hear their stories in the live theatre on the show floor.

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### ● GRAVEN HILL ZONE

With hundreds of plots, this is the UK's first large-scale self build scheme. Head to the Graven Hill Zone to learn more, reserve your plot, attend live expert talks, and hear from self builders who've completed their homes.



# 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 which has been built on Graven Hill just 5 minutes down the road from the exhibition. From ICF blockwork to doors and trusses, the Naked House gives you an unrivalled insight into what it takes to build your own home.

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.

**ARCHITECTURE**  
FROM



**STOVES & STAIRCASES**  
FROM



**ROOFING TILES**  
FROM



**STAIRCASES**  
FROM



**RENDER**  
FROM



**SITE INSURANCE**  
FROM



**WATER SOFTENER**  
FROM



**SOLAR TECHNOLOGY**  
FROM



**WINDOWS & FRONT DOOR**  
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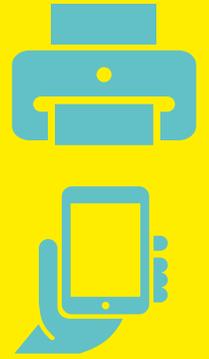
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## OPENING TIMES

**Saturday 2nd October 2021 | 10am to 5pm**

**Sunday 3rd October 2021 | 10am to 4.30pm**

## BUILD IT LIVE BICESTER WILL TAKE PLACE AT BICESTER HERITAGE EVENT CENTRE (FORMERLY RAF BICESTER)

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.

More details can be found on the website.



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AT THE SHOW**

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Build It Live is committed to running a safe event and it is a condition of registration and entry that everyone agrees to adhere to the COVID protection protocols that are in place at the time.



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