

# Sources of help and information

## Organisations

### amazonails

Hope Mill, Crescent Street,  
Todmorden, West Yorkshire OL14 5HA  
Tel: 0845 458 2173  
Web: [www.amazonails.org.uk](http://www.amazonails.org.uk)  
Straw bale building experts.

### Association for Environment Conscious Building (AECB)

PO Box 32, Llandysul SA44 5ZA  
Tel: 0845 456 9773 Web: [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net)  
Promotes the use of products and materials which are safe, healthy and sustainable; and make available comprehensive information and guidance about products, methods and projects

### Association of Self Builders

Tel: 0704 154 4126  
Web: [www.self-builder.org.uk](http://www.self-builder.org.uk)

### BioRegional Reclaimed

24 Helios Road, BedZED,  
Wallington, Surrey SM6 7BZ  
Tel: 0208 404 4897 Fax: 0208 404 4893  
Web: [www.bioregional-reclaimed.com](http://www.bioregional-reclaimed.com)  
Specialises in sourcing and supplying reclaimed building materials.

### British Earth Sheltering Association

Caer Llan Berm House, Lydart,  
Monmouth NP25 4JS  
Tel/Fax: 01600 860359  
Web: [www.besa-uk.org](http://www.besa-uk.org)

### Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)

Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9AZ  
Tel: 01654 705950 Fax: 01654 702782  
Web: [www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk)

Publishes a wide range of books and other information on environmentally sound building techniques, design, materials, renewable energy, water management and recycling. Also runs courses on eco building and related topics.

### CAT Consultancy

Tel: 01654 705991 Fax: 01654 702782  
Email: [consultancy@cat.org.uk](mailto:consultancy@cat.org.uk)  
Eco building consultancy service. Limited free help and advice to individuals.

### Construction Resources Ltd

16 Great Guildford Street, London SE1 0HS  
Tel: 0207 450 2211 Fax: 0207 450 2288  
Web: [www.constructionresources.com](http://www.constructionresources.com)  
Centre for ecological building selling a range of state-of-the-art building products and systems from all over Europe. Visitors welcome. Advice and price information available. Also runs courses on ecological building.

### Energy Saving Trust

21 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BP  
Tel: 0207 222 0101 Fax: 0207 654 2460  
Web: [www.est.org.uk](http://www.est.org.uk)  
For free advice on energy efficiency and insulation.

### Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC)

11-13 Great Oak Street, Llanidloes SY18 6BU  
Tel: 01686 413916 Fax: 01686 412176  
Web: [www.fsc-uk.org](http://www.fsc-uk.org)  
A global forest certification and timber tracing system.

### Green Building Store

Heath House Mill, Heath House Lane,  
Bolster Moor, West Yorkshire HD7 4JW  
Tel: 01484 461705 Fax: 01484 653765  
Web: [www.greenbuildingstore.co.uk](http://www.greenbuildingstore.co.uk)  
Sells a wide range of eco building materials.

### Green Moves

2 South Street, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3NQ  
Tel: 0845 094 4663  
Web: [www.greenmoves.co.uk](http://www.greenmoves.co.uk)  
A website dedicated to advertising energy efficient homes for sale.

### Hockerton Housing Project

The Watershed, Gables Drive, Hockerton,  
Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0QU  
Tel: 01636 816902  
Web: [www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk](http://www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk)  
Free project summaries available plus information packs to purchase online. Site visits by arrangement. Consultancy service and environmental building advice.

### Listed Property Owners Club

Hartlip, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7TE  
Tel: 01795 844939 Fax: 01795 844862  
Web: [www.lpoc.co.uk](http://www.lpoc.co.uk)  
Britain's only club for private listed building owners, providing information and guidance on all aspects of owning and maintaining a listed building. Annual membership £55.

### The National Energy Foundation

Tel: 01908 665555 Fax: 01908 665577  
Web: [www.nef.org.uk](http://www.nef.org.uk)  
Promotes the use of renewable energy.

### Natural Building Technologies Ltd

The Hangar, Worming Hall Road, Oakley,  
Buckinghamshire HP18 9UL  
Tel: 01844 338338 Fax: 01844 338525  
Web: [www.natural-building.co.uk](http://www.natural-building.co.uk)  
Advice and guidance on natural building materials and technologies, with information on local suppliers.

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### SALVO

PO Box 28080, London SE27 0YZ  
Tel: 0208 761 2316 Fax: 0208 761 2424  
Web: [www.salvo.co.uk](http://www.salvo.co.uk)  
Information on architectural salvage and reclaimed materials, with details of local suppliers.

### SAVE Britain's Heritage

70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ  
Tel: 0207 253 3500 Fax: 0207 253 3400  
Web: [www.savebritainsheritage.org](http://www.savebritainsheritage.org)  
Maintains a register of historic properties at risk in England and Wales (except London). A regularly updated website database can be accessed for £25 a year. An annual catalogue is published each February at £12.

### Scottish Civic Trust

The Tobacco Merchants House,  
42 Miller Street, Glasgow G1 1DT  
Tel: 0141 221 1466 Fax: 0141 248 6952  
Web: [www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk](http://www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk)  
Publishes an annual Buildings at Risk bulletin for £7.

### Scottish Ecological Design Association

15 High Street, Belford,  
Northumberland NE70 7NG  
Web: [www.seda2.org](http://www.seda2.org)

### Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB)

37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY  
Tel: 0207 377 1644 Fax: 0207 247 5296  
Web: [www.spab.org.uk](http://www.spab.org.uk)  
Runs courses and publishes books on the repair and renovation of old houses, including traditional building methods such as cob, wattle & daub, etc.

### Soil Association

South Plaza, Marlborough Street,  
Bristol BS1 3NX  
Tel: 0117 314 5000 Fax: 0117 314 5001  
Web: [www.soilassociation.org](http://www.soilassociation.org)  
Promotes and administers organic farming standards, providing information and guidance to individuals planning to go organic.

### Thatching Advisory Services Ltd

The Old Stables, Redenham Park Farm,  
Redenham, Andover, Hampshire SP11 9AQ  
Tel: 01264 773820 Fax: 01264 773836  
Web: [www.thatchingadvisoryservices.co.uk](http://www.thatchingadvisoryservices.co.uk)  
Aims to promote thatching in the UK.

### Ulster Architectural Heritage Society

66 Donegall Pass, Belfast BT7 1BU  
Tel: 028 9055 0213 Fax: 028 9055 0214  
Web: [www.uahs.org.uk](http://www.uahs.org.uk)  
Produces a catalogue of buildings at risk in Northern Ireland, available free of charge (UK p&p £4).

### Walter Segal Self Build Trust

15 High Street, Belford,  
Northumberland NE70 7NG  
Web: [www.segalselfbuild.co.uk](http://www.segalselfbuild.co.uk)  
Reduced footprint homes, based on the post and beam method. Particularly suitable for sloping sites.

### Womersleys

Walkley Lane, Heckmondwike,  
West Yorkshire WF16 0PG  
Tel: 01924 400651 Fax: 01924 403489  
Web: [www.womersleys.co.uk](http://www.womersleys.co.uk)  
Natural and eco-friendly building products and materials for historic building refurbishment.

## Selected books and publications

**AECB Yearbook** - Annual publication listing all AECB members and their services as well as reports on the present work of the AECB and articles by members. Available for £4.95 from the AECB, PO Box 32, Llandysul SA44 5ZA.  
Tel: 0845 456 9773 [www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net)

**Green Building Magazine** - Quarterly magazine published by The Green Building Press, PO Box 32, Llandysul, Carmarthenshire SA44 5ZA.  
Tel: 01559 370798 [www.greenbuildingpress.co.uk](http://www.greenbuildingpress.co.uk)

**Buy Green By Mail** - Annual mail order catalogue listing many more books than we can mention here, from the Centre for Alternative Technology (see above). A full online shopping service is available through [www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk)

Other magazines which may be of interest and which are available from newsagents: **Build It**, **Self-Build & Design** and **Homebuilding and Renovating**.  
Further links to useful websites can be found on our website [www.ecology.co.uk](http://www.ecology.co.uk)

**The Green Building Bible** - Published annually by The Green Building Press, containing useful information and sources, with a listing of ecobuilders, architects, plumbers etc. Available for £9.94 from The Green Building Press - as above.

**Newbuilder GreenPro** - An online internet library of eco-building products and source listing. Web: [www.newbuilder.co.uk](http://www.newbuilder.co.uk)

**The Whole House Book** - by Cindy Harris and Pat Borer Price £35 + £4 p&p from Mail Order Dept, Centre for Alternative Technology, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9AZ  
Tel: 01654 705959.