

SWYCH: Eco-Renovation

Are you renovating your home or having building work done? There are lots of ways that you can make your home improvements more eco-friendly. Some of these things are well publicised, such as insulation and double glazing, but there are many other choices you can make that will lower the environmental impact of building and renovation work.

Many of the materials that are used are very energy intensive to produce, so making greener choices does have a significant impact. There is a huge variety of 'green' materials available, from sheeps' wool insulation, and lime based concretes and plasters, to natural paints and varnishes.

Green Alternatives

It is possible to find 'green' alternatives to a huge number of building materials.

Very often these are too costly but, that doesn't mean you have to throw out your good intentions! Simply by using reclaimed and second hand materials, you can make a huge difference. You may have to put in a bit more time but it may also save you money on the project too.

Oxford Eco-Renovations run a series of open houses, where people who have

renovated their homes will do tours of their houses and talk to the public about how they went about their project and what suppliers or builders they used. If you are interested in seeing what you can do to your home and how you can make it more eco-friendly, then these are valuable opportunities.

Below are some useful sources of information:

Oxford Eco-renovation

www.climatex.org/corenovation

01865 275856. Includes a comprehensive list of suppliers, services and links to grant and energy information.

Oxfordshire Ideal Green Home Show

April 23rd, 4 to 7pm, and April 24th, 10am to 4pm.

Natural Building Store

www.natural-building.co.uk A fairly local source for green building supplies

Orinoco www.oxorinoco.org An Oxford based scrap store for recycled paint, tools, materials, etc.

Oxford Wood Recycling

www.oxfordwoodrecycling.org.uk

01235 861228. For reclaimed wood at reasonable prices.

Jenna Saunders

Fred's Flying Circus Comes to Town!

The circus is coming to town - well village actually - and in fact our village.

We are very privileged to have Fred's Flying Circus visiting the Wychwoods.

The Big Top will be on Wychwood Primary School field for two evening performances on Fri 18th and Sat 19th June. Fred will be performing together

with some special guest children from the school. Tickets will be available at only £5 per person from the school office.

Please support us if you can and let's try and fill the big top on both nights.

All proceeds to the School.

www.fredsflyingcircus.co.uk

Paul Finch

Wychwood Primary School Summer Fete
Sat 19th June starting at 2pm on the school field