



# Natural Revival: Low-impact building materials today

## Sources of further information

### General

#### **AECB (Association for Environmentally Conscious Building)**

[www.aecb.net](http://www.aecb.net)

Information and advice on sustainable construction

#### **Back to Earth**

[www.backtoearth.co.uk](http://www.backtoearth.co.uk)

01363 866999

Suppliers of natural building materials

#### **Building Research Establishment**

[www.bre.co.uk](http://www.bre.co.uk)

01923 664000

Centre of expertise; Innovation Park with demonstration sustainable buildings

#### **Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT)**

[www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk)

01654 705950

Advice and wide selection of natural building books and other resources

#### **CREATE Ecohome**

[www.bristol.gov.uk/create](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/create)

0117 925 0505

Demonstration Ecohome with sustainable construction resource library

#### **Dorset Centre for Rural Skills**

[www.dorsetruralskills.co.uk](http://www.dorsetruralskills.co.uk)

01747 811 099

Courses and events on sustainable and traditional building techniques

#### **Genesis Centre**

[www.somerset.ac.uk/genesis05](http://www.somerset.ac.uk/genesis05)

01823 252934

Sustainable construction resource and learning centre for the South West

#### **Green Specification**

[www.greenspec.co.uk](http://www.greenspec.co.uk)

Information on from National Green Specification, including natural materials

#### **Mike Wye & Associates**

[www.mikewye.co.uk](http://www.mikewye.co.uk)

01409 281644

Suppliers of natural building and decorating products

#### **National Non-Food Crops Centre**

[www.nnfcc.co.uk](http://www.nnfcc.co.uk)

01904 435182

The UK's national centre for renewable fuels, materials and technologies

#### **Natural Building Technologies**

[www.natural-building.co.uk](http://www.natural-building.co.uk)

01844 338338

Suppliers of natural building materials and systems

#### **Sustainable Build**

[www.sustainablebuild.co.uk](http://www.sustainablebuild.co.uk)

Website with articles about natural building techniques

#### **Ty-Mawr Lime**

[www.lime.org.uk](http://www.lime.org.uk)

01874 658249

Suppliers of traditional and natural building materials, based in Brecon

### Cob

#### **Associated Architects**

[www.associated-architects.co.uk](http://www.associated-architects.co.uk)

0121 233 6600

Designers of Cobtun House in Worcestershire

#### **Build Something Beautiful**

[www.buildsomethingbeautiful.com](http://www.buildsomethingbeautiful.com)

01404 814270

Devon based cob building specialists; run workshops

#### **The Cob Block Company**

[www.thecobblockcompany.co.uk](http://www.thecobblockcompany.co.uk)

01823 673360

Somerset based cob block building company



### **Cob in Cornwall**

[www.cobincornwall.com](http://www.cobincornwall.com)

01326 231773

Cornwall based cob building specialists

## **Hemp**

### **Lime Technology**

[www.limetechology.co.uk](http://www.limetechology.co.uk)

0845 603 1143

Produce lime based building products including Tradical® Hemcrete®

### **Modece Architects**

[www.modece.com](http://www.modece.com)

01284 761141

Designers of Haverhill Homes and other hemp building projects

### **Suffolk Housing Association**

[www.suffolkhousing.org](http://www.suffolkhousing.org)

01284 767224

Housing association responsible for Haverhill Homes project

## **Straw**

### **Amazon Nails**

[www.amazonails.org.uk](http://www.amazonails.org.uk)

0845 458 2173

Design, advice, consultancy and training in straw bale construction

### **ModCell**

[www.modcell.co.uk](http://www.modcell.co.uk)

0117 954 7325

Developers of prefabricated straw bale and hemp cladding panels for construction

### **The National Trust's Footprint Project**

[www.strawfootprint.org](http://www.strawfootprint.org)

Straw bale classroom in Cumbria

### **Sarah Wigglesworth Architects**

[www.swarch.co.uk](http://www.swarch.co.uk)

020 7607 9200

Designers of 'the straw house' (Stock Orchard Street, London)

## **Timber**

### **Bristol Wood Recycling Project**

[www.bwrp.org.uk](http://www.bwrp.org.uk)

0117 972 3219

Bristol organisation that rescues and reuses wood; affordable wood shop

### **CCANW (Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World)**

[www.ccanw.co.uk](http://www.ccanw.co.uk)

01392 832277

Visitor centre in Haldon Forest with programme of events and workshops

### **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)**

[www.fsc-uk.org](http://www.fsc-uk.org)

01686 413916

Timber certification organisation with supplier lists

### **Lee Evans Partnership, Canterbury**

[www.lee-evans.co.uk](http://www.lee-evans.co.uk)

01227 784 444

Designers of Shorne Wood Country Park Visitors' Centre, Kent

### **TRADA (Timber Research and Development Association)**

[www.trada.co.uk](http://www.trada.co.uk)

01494 569600

Centre of excellence on the specification and use of timber and wood products

### **UK Timber Frame Association**

[www.timber-frame.org](http://www.timber-frame.org)

01259 272140

Information and guidance on timber frame building

## **Further reading**

### **Building with Cob**

Adam Weisman and Katy Brice  
Green Books, 2006

### **Building with Hemp**

Steve Allin  
Seed Press, 2007

### **Design of Straw Bale Buildings**

Bruce King  
Green Building Press, 2006

### **The Green Building Bible**

Third edition, vols 1 & 2  
Green Building Press, 2006

### **Natural Building: A Guide to Materials and Techniques**

Tom Woolley  
The Crowood Press, 2006