



What else is on?

“If you’re looking for help and advice then I guarantee you won’t leave here disappointed.”

Tommy Walsh

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th April 2008

Plotsearch Seminar Theatre

PlotSearch Demonstrations – Find the ideal Plot or project

- 10.30 – 10.50** PlotSearch is BuildStore's on-line land finding database of over 6000 plot, conversion or renovation projects. Visit the PlotSearch theatre, where
- 11.30 – 11.50** you can see a full demonstration on how the database can help you find
- 13.00 – 13.20** your perfect project.
- 15.30 – 15.50**

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11.00 – 11.30 Self Build & Renovation Part 1 - Can Anyone Do It?

Every year, thousands of people will either build their own home or undertake a substantial renovation of an existing but dilapidated house. Find out what self building entails, what motivates people to do it and how to raise the finance required to successfully undertake your own project.

13.30 – 14.00 Self Build & Renovation Part 2 - Finding a Plot or Project

Finding land for your self build dreams is often cited as the hardest part of self building. However, plots are out there, and in this seminar you will find out the best techniques for finding the right one for you, from the market-leading PlotSearch service to the more intriguing methods employed by professional developers.

14.30 – 15.00 Self Build & Renovation Part 3 – Design and Planning

Design, Planning and your budget go hand-in-hand and must be in harmony for your project to succeed. Whether new build or renovation, find out how to develop your ideas and find a designer to create your ideal home within your budget. You'll also find out about how the planning system works and how to approach the Planning Authorities.

15.30 – 16.00 Self Build Part 4 – Choosing Your Builders & Buying Your Materials

Managing costs means controlling the main outgoings on any project, namely the materials and labour. Find out how to identify, select and appoint reliable builders and trades and discover how to save both time and money when choosing your materials and suppliers.

16.00 – 16.30 Self Build Part 5 – Project Management

Every project will require managing and that takes both time and effort. Thousands of people save money by managing their own projects, while others prefer to use the skills of others, either full or part time. Discover what's really involved and find out if you too could manage your own project successfully.

Main Seminar Theatre

12.00 – 13.00 Feature Seminar 1 - Working with Tradesmen - Insider Secrets!

Avoiding the 'rogue builder' is uppermost in most self-builders' and renovators' minds. Of course, the good tradesmen are out there and do a superb job in most cases. However, for the unwary, dealing with builders and tradesmen is a minefield where a hastily made decision can cost both time and money – not to mention increased stress levels! In this presentation, we will show you how to select your builder or tradesmen and women, how to tell if they are good, how to negotiate the best prices and how to keep the job moving along.

14.00 – 15.00 Feature Seminar 2 - Understanding the Trades: What they do and don't do!

For those new to self-building and renovating, you are entering an unfamiliar world of new skills, terminology and tools. If you are going to be able to negotiate the best prices with your trades, it's vital that you speak the same language and understand the roles and responsibilities of the people you are hiring to complete your project. In this seminar, Chris Crowley will relay the main trades you will meet during your project, what they do and, importantly, what they don't do. It will include a rough guide to how they calculate their costs, and what you should expect to pay for their services.



Top Tips on Power Tools and Tiling from 'HandyGirl' Hafida Sarachi

HandyGirl DIY Workshop empowers women to feel confident and competent in tackling their own DIY projects. Whether that means learning to undertake simple DIY tasks like tiling, discovering the right tool for the job or overcoming a fear of power tools, Hafida will be here to answer your questions and show you how! Come along and have a go yourself!

Venue: Open Demo area

Ask BuildStore!

Got a question you need answering? Look out for our experts

Make the most of free 1-to-1 advice from our professional team of experts by dropping by to meet them at the Professional & Trade Services Desk, Technical Help Desk or Main Piazza area.

Consultations are on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Architect

Paul Richards, Architecture Verte

Brick Expert

Mike Faloona, Furness Brick Ltd

Design, Planning & Building Regulations Expert

Neil Davey, BuildStore

Eco Building Expert

David Hilton, BuildStore

Project Managers

Chris Crowley, Vision Project Management
Simon Comba, West Park Project Management

Self Build Expert

Mike Hardwick, BuildStore

Walking Seminar Experts

Building Systems - Tim Doherty
Eco Technology - David Hilton
Groundworks - Robin Batchelder
Roofing - Mike Fildes, SCRT Ltd

The National Self Build & Renovation Centre



Main Piazza Area

Expert Walking Seminars (Start point: Main Piazza Area)

Our Self Build & Renovation experts will be leading Walking Seminars through the life-size exhibits during the Choosing Trades & Materials weekend on topics covering Eco Technology, Building Systems, Groundworks and Roofing. Join them for unbiased guidance and insight into the nitty-gritty of self build or renovation. They'll answer your questions, plus show you all the product options relevant to your project stage, including the 240 exhibitors in Trade Village. An entire list of Centre Experts available this weekend (including Walking Seminar Experts) can be found on the front page of this programme under 'Ask BuildStore!'

11.00 – 11.40 Eco Technology

14.00 – 14.40

16.00 – 16.40

It is an Eco jungle out there, so join our expert for this guided tour of 'all things green'. You'll get an unbiased insight into renewable technologies: how do they work; what are their benefits and limitations; and are they right for your build? Our expert is truly independent, so you'll be able to ask the questions you have always wanted to without getting the standard salesman's answers!

12.00 – 12.40 Building Systems

15.00 – 15.40

16.00 – 16.40

There are now many more different systems available for the modern self-builder to choose from, including ICF, SIPs and Concrete together with variations on the brick and block theme, such as the innovative thin joint system. But which is best? Find out the pros and cons of each system and decide what is best for you in this guided tour of modern building systems.

11.00 – 11.40 Drainage, Foundations & Basements

13.00 – 13.40

16.00 – 16.40

A house is only as good as the foundations it sits on, so it is vital to get this right. The conditions underground are the great unknown in self building and costs can spiral if unfavourable conditions exist. You can find out the difference between each foundation option available to you and the likely costs of each with the help of the expert knowledge available here in the Centre.

12.00 – 12.40 Roof Construction, Insulation & Coverings

14.00 – 14.40

16.00 – 16.40

Whether building from new or renovating, every home needs a roof that works. The options for tiles and rainwater goods can be overwhelming, but with our expert's guidance, you can see what is available and decide what is best for your project. In this tour, we will explain everything you need to know about roof design and construction.

Wolseley 'Superbranch' (next to the Design Centre)

National merchants Build Center and Plumb Center (both part of Wolseley Group) have a 'Superbranch' at the Centre where you're able to meet with trade counter experts, review materials, check prices and place orders. Sign up for a Trade Card to save even more money!

Fantastic Wolseley Prizes: Every visitor to the Choosing Trades & Materials Weekend will have the chance to **WIN** one of many prizes – including **£250 Wolseley vouchers** to spend on trade trusted materials for your self build and renovation project.



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Finding your way around



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