



Renovation A-Z Weekend

Sat 24 & Sun 25 May 08

BOOK YOUR RENOVATION HOUSE AUDIO TOUR!



Don't miss a unique 30 minute audio tour, by Tommy Walsh, of the UK's only demo Renovation house which will guide you through the process of bringing an old property back to life!

Saturday 24th May 2008 - What's on?

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 you can see a full demonstration on how the database can help you find your perfect project.
11.30 – 11.50	
13.00 – 13.20	
15.00 – 15.20	

PlotSearch Seminar Theatre

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

Every year approximately 20,000 people will either substantially renovate an existing but dilapidated house or build a new home from scratch. Find out why people do it and if renovation or self building is right for you. You'll also learn how to organise your finances and get the budget right from the outset.

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

Often cited as the hardest part of renovation or self building, finding the right project or that perfect plot can be difficult. However, renovation properties and potential building plots exist all over the country. Learn the basics of how to be the first to find them and how to make an initial assessment to assess viability.

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

Design, Planning and your budget go hand-in-hand and must be in harmony for your project to be a success. Whether new build or renovation, find out how to develop your ideas, select a designer and secure planning consent.

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

Managing cost means managing the two things you pay for – materials and labour. Find out how to save time in choosing your materials and suppliers and understand the process for identifying, selecting and appointing your builders.

16.00 – 16.30 Renovation & Self Build - Part 5 – Project Managing yourself with sub-contractors or a builder

Could I really manage my own building project? Thousands of people do at many different levels, and so could you. But in making this decision, you should learn what is really involved and how much time you really need.

Main Seminar Theatre

12.00 – 13.00 Feature Seminar 1 – Understanding Your Survey Preparation, Preparation, Preparation! - David Snell, Self Build Writer & Pundit

A survey is essential when contemplating a renovation project. A property that looks like an excellent proposition at first glance can prove to be a money pit the minute the outer layers come off – and then the costs soar to budget-busting levels. No one contemplating taking on a serious renovation project should miss this presentation. We'll show you why you should have a survey done, what areas it should cover and how to interpret it once you receive it.

14.00 – 15.00 Feature Seminar 2 – 20 Top Property Botches! - Ian Rock, Author & Surveyor
“Schadenfreude (noun) a feeling of pleasure or satisfaction when something bad happens to someone else”! It's easy to make mistakes, but it can be expensive to rectify them, especially when renovating. Of course, we'd never make the same mistakes, as we show here .. would we? In this must-see feature seminar, Ian Rock shows us some of the classic howlers made by renovators and explains how you can avoid falling into the same trap. Watch and potentially save yourself time, money and embarrassment!

EXPERT VILLAGE

Ask BuildStore!

Got a question you need answering? Our team of experts in the Expert Village are here to help.

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 and Main Piazza area. * Consultations are on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Architect

Benjamin Richards, Architecture Verte

Building Control Surveyor

Richard Stubbs
(North Wilts District Council)

Building Pathologist & Building Surveyor Geoff Hunt (MRICS),
Geoffrey Hunt Building Surveying Services

Design, Planning & Building Regulations Expert

Neil Davey, BuildStore

Eco Building Expert

David Hilton, BuildStore

Helifix – Structural Repair

Specialists – Craig Walker & Adam da Silva (Renovation House)

Loft Experts

Ian Rock, Author & Chartered Surveyor & James Mahon, Great Western Loft Company

Project Manager

Chris Crowley,
Vision Project Management

Reclamation Expert

Steve Tomlin, Minchinhampton Architectural Salvage Company (MASCo)

Renotherm – Insulation Manufacturers & Installers

Paul Denham (Renovation House)

Renovation Experts

Edward Sykes & Henry LeStrange
Pick-up-a-property

Self Build Writer & Pundit

David Snell

Sovereign Chemicals – Damp, Rot & Pests (Renovation House)

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10.30 – 11.15 Stop That Leak! Damp Proofing and Tanking – Sovereign Chemicals

Old properties and even some newer renovation projects can suffer from damp problems. While it may seem a daunting problem for experienced renovator and novice alike, help is at hand in the form of Sovereign Chemicals. Sovereign Chemicals are experts in all aspects of remedial damp work and in this demonstration, you'll find out about the solutions they can offer for problems ranging from a simple damp patch to water cascading through a basement wall.

11.45 – 12.30 Rot 'N' Pests – Vince Allonby, Sovereign Chemicals

So you are thinking of buying your renovation project and the survey points out problems with rotting wood and an infestation of woodworm. Don't let it put you off straight away, because in this demonstration, leading rot and pest control experts Sovereign Chemicals will show you how you can control and rectify even the most severe infestations without breaking the bank.

13.00 – 13.45 Renovating the Roof – Paul Denham, Renotherm

Roofs can be an expensive part of a renovation and there is the potential to save significant sums if you can avoid complete renewal. In this demonstration, you can see for yourself how Renotherm's innovative spray applied polyurethane foam can be used to repair and insulate roofs.

Open Demo Area - Demonstrations

11.00 – 11.45 Cracking & Masonry Failure – Craig Walker, Helifix Ltd

Highly regarded structural repair specialist, Helifix Ltd, will be giving a presentation on the causes of cracking and masonry failure and how to cost-effectively overcome these problems with its modern methods of repair and reinforcement. Its stainless steel systems provide fully concealed, non-disruptive, reliable solutions (as seen in the Renovation House here in the Centre) that are covered by Helifix's professional indemnity insurance.

13.00 – 13.45 Reclamation Yards – Renovation Heaven! Steve Tomlin, Minchinhampton Architectural Salvage Company (MASCo)

Sometimes, modern replacement materials just aren't a good enough match for your renovation project. To keep a certain vernacular style, to maintain historic integrity or simply to ensure that your new extension blends seamlessly into the existing structure, a trip to the reclamation yard may be the only answer. There is a roaring trade in reclaimed materials, with anything from slates and tiles and gutters, to bricks chimney pots and garden ornaments salvaged and given a new lease of life. There are some things to remember though, not least that you will need to ensure you buy enough material for each job, including wastage, as you might never find a close match elsewhere. Find out about how to source, use and benefit from reclaimed materials in this fascinating demonstration from Minchinhampton Architectural Salvage Company (MASCo).

15.00 – 15.45 Building Defects in Period Properties – Geoff Hunt MRICS

The mere mention of defects or subsidence can strike fear into the heart of any potential house purchaser. However, help is at hand! With his wealth of knowledge, Geoff Hunt, Building Surveyor and Building Pathologist, will take you through the most common building defects you will encounter in a period property and how to prevent or cure them. He will also explain what subsidence is, how it is caused, how to prevent it and the options available for resolving subsidence issues in your potential renovation project.

Finding your way around



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