



Transition Town Haslemere

CASE STUDY

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What actions were taken? *E.g. energy efficiency improvements, building work, growing vegetables, changing transport methods etc*

Cavity wall filled
Sheeps wool insulation in loft
Underfloor insulation
Solar thermal and new efficient boiler
Wood burning stove
Built large veg patch and installed large waterbutt and compsting
Used eco-paints indoors and always used FSC wood (except once when used PEFC)

What benefits have been achieved *e.g. cost savings, reduced carbon emissions etc*

I haven't been able to measure bill reduction as I did all this before moving in but.....
Solar thermal works really well- often get a full tank in sunny weather and brings tank up to 40 degrees in variable weather so only need short boost
House feels warm and cosy and without the draughts it did have
Looks good and doesn't seem like an eco-geek home (at least to an eco geek like me)
Veggies are a great result and very satisfying!!

Further Information: *e.g. lessons learnt, suppliers, products, websites etc*

Lessons learnt;
Find out for yourself before getting a contractor involved so you know your mind before being told about practicalities by a pro
Insulate like crazy before you do anything else (sheepswool was Thermafleece but Blackmountain is also good stuff)
Eco- paints (I used earthborn <http://www.earthbornpaints.co.uk>) are barely any more expensive than the toxic stuff and look fantastic, they can be found at www.ieko.co.uk in Sussex
With veggies- if you care about saving money and don't have much space, stick to salad and fruit rather than doing a little bit of everything.