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### **Construction News**

#### **Let's beat the carbon targets**

The UK Green Building Council is demanding that the construction industry cut carbon emissions from the built environment by 50% over the next 10 years.

*Architects Journal*. 26 November (Pg. 6)

### **Periodical Articles**

#### **Building pathology: Photovoltaic panels**

PV panels can be great energy providers, as long as potential problems with power output and deficiencies are considered in good time. This short article explains what to look out for.

*Building*. 27 November (Pg. 63)

<http://www.building.co.uk/story.asp?storycode=3154049>

#### **What to specify: Sustainability**

Article looking at specification of featured sustainable building elements. This issue covers; natural ventilation for schools, environmentally friendly fire stopping, and three green roofs in Dartmoor.

*Building*. 27 November (Pg. 65-66)

#### **Sustainability in practice: Carbon neutral buildings**

Article looking at the new offices of wind farm developer West Coast Energy, in Mold, North Wales. The brief asked for 'light and airy offices that exemplify sustainable design, that are as carbon neutral as possible'.

*Architects Journal*. 26 November (Pg. 34-37)

#### **Sustainability in practice: Water-saving showerheads**

Looks at features such as aerated flows and increased pressure, in a new breed of showerheads that cut water use.

*Architects Journal*. 26 November (Pg. 38-39)

#### **Lower carbon Britain**

The latest State of the nation report, from the ICE, makes it clear that infrastructure will be at the heart of a transition to a low carbon economy. However, the report adds that many of the changes that need to be made are already within reach.

*New Civil Engineer*. 25 November (Pg. 31-32)

<http://www.nce.co.uk/home/low-carbon/infrastructure-lower-carbon-britain/5211479.article>

#### **Carbon cross roads**

Installing carbon capture and storage technology on fossil fuel burning power plants could be a quick and

easy way to reduce overall emissions post-Copenhagen. Article looking at Carbon capture and storage (CCS).

*New Civil Engineer*. 12 November (Pg. 28-30)

<http://www.nce.co.uk/news/low-carbon/carbon-cross-roads/5210868.article>

### **Keeping it green**

Cutting back on sustainable spending is a tempting way to deal with the recession. In fact, maintaining an environmental focus might just be the best way to survive it. Article looking at consumer attitudes to find out why.

*New Civil Engineer*. 05 November (Pg. 30-31)

<http://www.nce.co.uk/home/low-carbon/spending-keeping-it-green/5210478.article>

### **Bring on the rain**

Looking at the environmentally important aspects of sustainable urban drainage.

*Building Sustainable Design*. November 2009 (Pg. 44-45)

### **Design Primer: Natural ventilation**

Looks at the environmental design principles of ventilation, focussing on how natural and passive ventilation works.

*Building Sustainable Design*. November 2009 (Pg. 47-48)

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