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### **Periodical Articles**

#### **Earthship: Sustainable building with 900 spare tyres**

David Matthews wanted to build his own Earthship, a radically sustainable home built of recycled materials. Trouble was, he didn't have a clue how to go about it. This article followed Matthews as he attended a three-day course to find out how to build his own Earthship.

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<http://www.building.co.uk/comment/earthship-sustainable-building-with-900-spare-tyres/3163060.article>

### **Publications**

#### **Sustainable Communities (Amendment) Act**

The Sustainable Communities (Amendment) Bill has received Royal Assent. Under existing legislation, people are able to propose changes to government policies or national laws which they feel would help their local area economically, socially or environmentally. However, the new Act improves the process to allow communities a greater say in how their proposed changes can happen.

The principles behind the new Act, and the original Sustainable Communities Act (2007), are aligned with recent reforms of local government, and the policy direction set out last autumn. To view the *Sustainable communities act 2007 (amendment) act 2010* (Ch. 21), go to

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2010/pdf/ukpga\\_20100021\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2010/pdf/ukpga_20100021_en.pdf)

### **Web Resources**

#### **CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme**

Organisations are already registering for CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme on the Environment Agency's website; within an hour of the registry opening, the scheme had both its first Information Declarer and Participant. Wall Engineering Company Ltd, a structural steel engineering and fabricating company based in Norfolk, was the first organisation to register for the scheme.

At midday on the first day of open registrations, 55 organisations had registered with the Environment Agency for the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme. For more information and to find out about eligibility for CRC visit

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/crc>

#### **Solarwall energy centre**

A new energy centre is expected to will open its doors to the public on 12 May 2010 at the head office of energy saving specialist, Solarwall. The energy centre will offer visitors expert advice on how to become energy efficient, reduce their impact on the environment and save money.

The centre will also showcase renewable energy technology with working examples for visitors to experience first hand; including a solar thermal system and air source heat pump, real time energy displays, energy saving lighting and various power savers. The centre also has a carbon-free meeting room which will be used to give training on renewable energy technologies. For further information visit <http://www.solarwall.co.uk>

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