

Helm - now the South West's largest MasterBond builder

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Helm, your local builder, has been recognised as the largest FMB MasterBond Builder in the South West. The FMB is the Largest Building Trade Organisation in the UK and helps people looking to undertake building or construction projects locate reputable, reliable tradesmen and companies within their area. The MasterBond scheme goes a step further as all MasterBond companies have to be regularly

independently assessed, provide ongoing references, pass stringent financial checks, be fully insured and must commit to a strict code of practice.

As the largest MasterBond Company in the south West, Helm is able to provide its customers with complete peace of mind. Not only do their projects carry a 6 year warranty that is independently underwritten by Zurich Insurance, but all works are carried out by skilled, fully trained professional trades' people at a fixed pre-agreed price and they are fully project managed from start to finish.

This latest accolade compliments Helm's other recent achievements. Over the last 12 months Helm has been recognised as an 'Investor in People', has achieved 'Local Authority Building Control' partner status, has gained membership of 'Constructionline', become a member of the 'Contractors Health & Safety Assessment Scheme', reinforced its membership of 'Construction Skills' and attained membership of the Government endorsed 'Trust Mark' scheme.

Take a look at the benefits of dealing with a MasterBond builder by visiting www.fmb.org.uk or visit us at www.helm.uk.com.



FEATURE - Generate green cash from your home!

Fed up with high energy bills? If you are planning a renovation or a new-build, why not use the opportunity to install electricity-generating technology as part of the project. You can use sun, wind or heat from the air or ground to create power for your home and to heat water. Before installing any home energy-generation technologies, make sure your home is fully insulated and your lighting and appliances are as energy efficient as possible.

Some energy-generating options to consider:

These generate electricity:

- Solar Photo Voltaic - This system converts sunlight into electricity using roof or wall-mounted photovoltaic cells.
- Wind turbine - Roof or pole-mounted turbines convert wind energy into electricity.

These heat water:

- Solar water heating panels - Solar water heating systems use roof-mounted panels to harness the sun's heat to warm up water.
- Ground source heat pumps - Pipes buried in the garden extract heat from the ground to warm water.
- Air source heat pumps - This system absorbs heat from the outside air to warm up water.

These options can reduce your energy bills and, with the electricity-generating technologies, can even make you money if you sell the power you generate back to the National Grid via your energy supplier.

Although the initial installation costs can be high, from next April the government is proposing to introduce a range of incentives including significant increases to the amount of money you can receive if you generate your own energy. For more details visit www.energysavingtrust/generate-your-own-energy.



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