Become an OEH online Host & help to change people’s lives

We assume Autumn 2021 home tours will need to be online. Probably still too risky to show groups of booked visitors round your home! Online tours were a big success in 2020, with an enticing variety of homes, retrofit and new-build, and of presentation styles, with excellent outcomes, as summarised in this report.

For live tours we prefer homes within easy cycling distance of Cambridge, but homes giving online tours can be further afield, normally in East Anglia. And of course, participants joining your tour could be from far afield, so we’re reaching much wider audiences. We can record your Zoom tour and make a trimmed video available on YouTube, which reaches yet another audience, with 866 views, as of Feb ’21.

Being an Open Eco Homes host is fun and rewarding. We’ll support you in presenting your reasons and methods for creating an eco home, including what didn’t work so well, which is all useful for others to learn from. Do you have some good photos? Can you take some video with your phone? Participants will love seeing ways in which they could improve their home. We’ll help you with the technology of making a live online presentation, with practice, if you want.

Quite often the media are interested in Open Eco Homes and love to meet householders living in homes with unusual technologies and materials. We may get in contact with you to set up an interview but if you don’t like to be in the spotlight there’s no obligation. Visit openecohomes.org/media. Or we can maximise your privacy, online referring to you by first name and your home’s location by the first part of your postcode.

How we select homes and hosts
We want real homes, so your home doesn’t have to be perfect. We need is your enthusiasm for sustainable homes and wanting to share what you’ve achieved to inspire others.

If you are interested, please get in touch or fill this short form.

Homes we’re looking for include:
• Low-energy/low carbon
• High insulation
• Eco-technologies
• Reused low-carbon materials
• Smart behaviour
• Any age
• Any type
• New-builds and refurbs
• Low budget/ DIY
• Possibly work-in-progress

Why our hosts love OEH
• Share their excitement about their home with interested people
• Meet other like-minded people
• Offer help to people who need it
• Make a difference

In 11 years of Open Eco Homes ‘visitors’ have taken nearly 5000 home tours “Interesting, friendly, inspiring” – Open Eco Homes visitor

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