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Property: 9 energy-efficient homes that keep heating costs down

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A cantilevered first floor and glass box sitting room at the top give this eco-friendly property wow-factor. Photo: Robert Bell & Company

If you're fed up with high heating bills and don't want to be left in the cold, the answer is either to boost your existing home's energy efficiency or move to one with a better EPC rating.

UK properties are graded from A (the most energy efficient) to G (the least) and according to estate agency Knight Frank, jumping two bands from E to C typically knocks around £1,000 off annual running costs.

You could save even more by bagging one of these low-energy homes for sale, as all are rated either A or B.

1. Lamborough Fields, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, from £274,000



Enhanced insulation has brought these Oxfordshire homes up to an impressive B rating. Photo: Annington

Originally accommodation for Ministry of Defence personnel, these two and three-bedroom houses have been completely refurbished.

Flooring, front doors, paintwork, kitchens and bathrooms are all brand new and enhanced insulation has brought them up to an impressive B rating. Find out more from [Annington](#).

2. Water of Leith Apartments, Edinburgh, from £270,000



These Edinburgh apartments include eco features such as solar panels, boilers with heat recovery units and triple glazing. Photo: Savills

One-, two-, three- and four-bedroom new-build flats with private terraces or balconies, in a leafy waterside location that's very convenient for the city centre.

They're ready to move into and are A-rated, kitted out with eco features such as solar panels, boilers with heat recovery units and triple glazing in the main rooms. For further info, contact Savills.

3. The Courtyard, Calne, Wiltshire, £345,000

Part of a new development of 18 homes set around a courtyard, these terraced houses are inspired by neighbouring period buildings and rated B for energy efficiency.

In each, you'll find a generously-sized kitchen/living/dining room on the ground floor, two bedrooms and two bathrooms on the first floor and a large third bedroom – which could be divided to create a study – at the top. On the market through [Hamptons](#).



These new build homes are inspired by neighbouring period buildings but come with a modern B rating for energy efficiency.
Photo: Hamptons

4. Stockwell, London SW4, £475,000

A spacious first-floor converted flat in Marion Court, a former maternity hospital that was founded in 1889 and closed nearly a century later.

It's on a quiet road next to a park and comprises an open plan kitchen/living/dining room overlooking a communal garden, a double bedroom and bathroom, and has high ceilings and large sash windows throughout.

There's also a basement and bike storage. Get in touch with [Winkworth](#).



This London flat is located in a former maternity hospital that was founded in 1889. Photo: Winkworth

5. High Bridge, Dalston, Carlisle, Cumbria, £650,000



This stunning barn conversion features impressive levels of insulation, triple glazing throughout and the latest solar panels. Photo: Finest Properties

Jays House is a newly-converted Dutch barn, designed by award-winning architects and built by local craftsmen.

Most of the accommodation is on the ground floor – namely an all-in-one kitchen/living area, a utility, two double bedrooms and a shower room. Two more bedrooms and a family bathroom are on the first floor.

Thanks to impressive levels of insulation, triple glazing throughout and the latest solar panels, it's achieved A for energy efficiency – a rarity in a building of this kind. Via [Finest Properties](#).

6. Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire, £875,000



This modern home has three bedrooms, an open plan kitchen/living space and a media/games room. Photo: Knight Frank

With a curved sedum roof and stone and timber-clad exterior, Drawbridge House blends beautifully into its surroundings.

This modern home takes its name from the bridged walkway through which it's accessed, and has three bedrooms, an open plan kitchen/living space and a media/games room in the basement.

Full-height windows make the most of views over its landscaped stepped garden towards the hills beyond. Through [Knight Frank](#).

7. Louth, Lincolnshire, £1m



This contemporary Lincolnshire property comes with electricity-generating solar panels and a mechanical heat recovery ventilation system. Photo: Robert Bell & Company

Electricity-generating solar panels and a mechanical heat recovery ventilation system are among the eco credentials of The Glasshouse, an uber-contemporary four-bedroom home.

A 35-foot kitchen/living/dining area on the cantilevered first floor opens out to a large terrace and the fully glazed second floor living room enjoys views over the town, known as the capital of the Wolds. Contact [Robert Bell](#).

8. Kingston, Surrey £2.5m



This Surrey home features a host of energy-saving elements including solar panels, an air source heat pump and brick and timber cavity walls. Photo: John D Wood

To describe this luxury single-storey abode as a bungalow is something of an understatement. Not only was it meticulously constructed by the current owner but it's beautifully crafted, showcasing architectural metalwork, exposed timber joists, solid oak flooring and paved terraces that seamlessly extend the living space outside.

It has three bedrooms, a one-bedroom annex and a host of energy-saving elements including solar panels, an air source heat pump and brick and timber cavity walls for excellent thermal performance and insulation. From [John D Wood](#).

9. Radlett, Hertfordshire, £20m



Queen Anne-style Kenwood House was built in 2017 and is thoroughly modern inside – and very well insulated. Photo: Fine & Country

It might look like a historic stately pile, but Queen Anne-style Kenwood House was built in 2017 and is thoroughly modern inside – and very well insulated.

Set in a 26-acre estate, it boasts 15,000 square foot of living space arranged over four floors and connected by a lift.

There are 11 bedrooms, nine bathrooms, drawing, dining and sitting rooms and a vast kitchen/breakfast/family room with a wall of sliding doors leading out to a terrace and pool, and a tennis court.

The basement level is dedicated to relaxation and leisure, with a gym, cinema room, steam room, a bar area and second swimming pool – in case one isn't enough for the discerning new owner. Via [Fine & Country](#).