Breath of fresh air – on a budget

Living the good life: for many, the idea of living in a self-sustaining home is a utopian dream. But for Ackerley and Tim, their dream became a reality when they transformed a dilapidated barn into a self-sufficient sanctuary.

The couple, who are both architects, decided to build their dream home on a small piece of land in the countryside. They chose a disused barn as the starting point, which they believed could be transformed into a unique and sustainable living space.

The barn was in a state of disrepair and needed significant work to ensure it was fit for habitation. The couple worked closely with an architect and builder to create a design that would meet their needs and requirements while also being environmentally friendly.

They used locally sourced timber and insulation, which helped to create a warm and comfortable living space. The barn was also designed to be energy-efficient, with solar panels installed to provide power and a green roof to help reduce heat loss.

The couple also incorporated recycled and reclaimed materials into their project, which not only reduced their carbon footprint but also added a unique touch to their home.

The result is a beautiful and sustainable home that blends seamlessly into its rural surroundings. Ackerley and Tim are now living the self-sufficient dream, enjoying the peace and quiet of their countryside retreat.

Credits

Photography: Nick Lindsay

Architecture and interiors: Ackerley + Tim

Project management: The Barn

Builder: The Barn