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**New website for a greener Brighton**

Today sees the launch of Brighton & Hove Building Green's new website at [www.building-green.org.uk](http://www.building-green.org.uk).

The site helps people find out about the use of green roofs and green walls in our city, and will be launched at the Green Architecture Day by Dusty Gedge, star of Channel 4's 'Wild Thing I Love You'.

Green roofs and walls are planted with wild flowers and other plants, and are becoming more common across Brighton & Hove. Already an established feature of towns and cities in Germany and Switzerland, living surfaces on buildings will soften our views across Brighton & Hove, provide a home for wildlife, absorb rainfall, and can help buildings stay cool in summer.

James Farrell, Chair of Brighton & Hove Building Green said: "Green roofs and walls can help make our city a better place to live for people and wildlife. Our website shows that Brighton & Hove is a leading UK city for these exciting technologies."

The website describes green features, shows examples of current green buildings in Brighton & Hove, and contains tips on how to Do It Yourself. It is supported by Brighton & Hove Council.

Brighton & Hove Building Green will be running DIY workshops in May for people to learn how to do small greening projects.

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**Editor's notes**

1. Brighton & Hove Building Green is a community group promoting green roofs and walls for a healthy city. It includes green roof experts, architects, landscape designers, artists, ecologists, Council officers, students and others who live or work in Brighton & Hove.
2. In addition to the above sites, green roofs are already established across Brighton & Hove for example at the Crew Club (Whitehawk), Hedgehog (Bevendean), Diggers (Hollingdean), and Atlanta (Bevendean).
3. [Green Architecture Day](http://www.greenarchitectureday.org) is organised by Brighton Permaculture Trust, and runs all day at the Sallis Benney Theatre, Brighton.
4. Dusty Gedge is an international green roof expert, founder of [livingroofs.org](http://www.livingroofs.org) ([www.livingroofs.org](http://www.livingroofs.org)) and was a star of Channel 4's 'Wild Thing I Love You'.

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