

# Why you'll want to retrofit and renovate

## Greener homes



### Find out what retrofitting, renovating and decarbonising could do for your home

#### Make your home fit for the future

There are many ways to invest in your home. Making it more energy efficient, and cutting its running costs, are 2 favourites.

For starters, you could save money long term, while boosting your property's value. You could be reducing its carbon footprint. This is the total amount of greenhouse gases it makes.

#### Room to improve

Renovating and retrofitting are 2 great ways to upgrade. But what do these mean?

- **Renovating** is updating and improving your home's look or layout.
- **Retrofitting** is adding new features to improve energy efficiency.

Each could increase your home's value and make it a better place to live. So you'll be investing in your future either way. Making changes could help improve your home's energy use and its impact on the wider world beyond. This could improve your Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating the next time your home's assessed.



## Renovate

If your home's looking tired or dated, renovating could be right for you. It's about making repairs, updating, and doing a makeover. It's anything from decorating to redoing the whole inside.

People who renovate often do structural work to change their floorplan. For example, you could move doors or knock down walls to make open-plan spaces. This can improve your home's 'flow' and make it better suited to how you live.

## Retrofit

This isn't about making your home 'retro'. Retrofitting means making it more energy efficient.

### There are lots of things you could do:

- Replace light bulbs with energy-efficient LEDs
- Set up smart thermostats and radiator valves
- Improve your loft, wall, and floor insulation
- Upgrade to double or triple-glazed windows
- Put in new ventilation.

Switching from a gas boiler to a heat pump could also help you lower the impact of rising energy costs. You could even think about making your own renewable energy by putting in solar panels.

## Decarbonise

This is the process of reducing the amount of new greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere. The great thing about decarbonising is that it shrinks your carbon footprint. In other words, reducing your home's greenhouse gas emissions.

Switching to low-carbon energy sources, and adding smart tech to control your energy use, are ways to do this. This supports the move to a cleaner future for all.

## Think smarter

Making your home more energy efficient is also a practical way to run it for less. After all, each time you save energy, you save yourself money too.

Think about it this way. Precious heat seeping through draughty windows is money slipping through your fingers. An older, inefficient gas boiler could be swallowing extra money as well.

So, however you improve your EPC rating, it's a great thing to do. And it doesn't hurt to think about your pocket at the same time.



## Get support

Did you know the government could help you? It offers grants, loans and incentives to help you afford retrofitting.

If you're a homeowner, find more info on the government's **Help to Heat** page. Or go to its **Energy Efficient Home** page to see if you can get money to go towards heat pumps, insulation and more. You'll find energy-saving tips too.

## How our partners can help

To help you along the way, we've picked suppliers to team up with. These give you special offers and discounts and can guide you on making things more energy efficient.

For full details, go to our **Greener Homes Hub** or to **My Home Manager** in the Mobile Banking app.