



On the 15th & 16th September 2007 the doors of some of the most exciting and beautiful buildings will open for the public to look round. Following three successful years of **Sponge and London Open House** working together we've decided to do it again!

This year **Sponge** is here to help you sort the sustainable wheat from the unenvironmentally concerned chaff with two different trails for both Saturday and Sunday. We've tried to pick out some great buildings from the list in terms of sustainability and wherever possible we've warned the buildings involved to have a fact sheet or a human on hand to answer your queries on the sustainability features of that building...

Look out for other Sponge members too along the way!

As we have done in the past you can come and meet us and the other **Sponge trail-followers** in the pub on Saturday and Sunday evening. It is a great opportunity to talk about the places you have visited and find out more about the Sponge Sustainability Network, if you are new to it.

This year we will be meeting at **different pubs** after each trail, just to keep things interesting! On Saturday we will be at the Kings Arms, Waterloo from 6pm and on Sunday we will be at the Horse Bar and Restaurant from 6pm. Each place has a great selection of food and alcoholic beverages for you to sample.

We've suggested some ideas for transport options, but no worries if you independent folk want to travel by foot, bike or scooter - whatever gets you there!

We look forward to seeing you!

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Saturday Trail: Brixton to London Bridge

Tube: Brixton / Rail: Loughborough Junction

Angell Town Estate, Overton Road, Brixton SW97HN

Open Sat 10am-1pm. Regular guided tours of estate, starting at Angell Town Estate Housing Office, Langport House. Last tour 12.30pm. Max 20 per tour.

This housing estate, formerly unsafe and unpopular, has been regenerated to create a traditional street pattern with new and refurbished homes. It includes RIBA award winning homes at Marcella Road and sustainable development at Boatemah Walk.

Sustainable features include a solar roof, rainwater harvesting, recycled construction materials and natural paints. It is also the home to the UK's first 100% certified FSC timber project. Anne Thorne Arc / Mode One / Burrell Foley Fischer / Levitt Bernstein / Greenhill Jenner 1991-2005. Tours include exterior views of work by all 5 architectural practices.

Walk / Bus to Effra Parade

Effra Surestart, Early Years Centre, Effra Parade SW2 1PL

Open Sat 10am-5pm. First come basis. Last entry 4.30pm. Max 20 at one time.

With its visually striking entrance, this new Early Years Centre of Excellence combines a nursery and community centre within a tight urban site. The centre is a great example of stimulating and colourful spaces for children, with bespoke lighting and environmentally friendly agenda. **Sustainable features** include good natural daylight and ventilation, low energy lighting throughout, non-toxic finishing materials. Architype 2005.

Tube: Brixton; Rail: Herne Hill

Walk / Bus to Lyham Road

Tree House, 1a Bedford Terrace, Lyham Road SW2 5DJ

Open both Sat/Sun 10am-5pm. Regular half-hourly tours, first come basis. Last tour 4.30pm. Max 20 per tour.

This is a 'zero carbon' house that treats a tough environmental specification as the starting point for a celebration of the beauty of natural forms and materials.

Constructive Individuals 2006.

Tube: Clapham North; Bus: 35,37,137,417,88

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Walk / Bus to Trouville Road

Curved House, 7 and a half Trouville Road SW4 8QL

Open Sat 2pm-5pm. Pre-book ONLY through Open House. Tours start only at 2pm & 4pm. Max 20 per tour.

Striking curved glass family house wrapping itself around magnificent horse chestnut tree. The main entrance is through a restored coach house. There is another entrance through the garden. This amazing sustainable design was featured on C4's Grand Designs. **Sustainable features** include sheep wool insulation, passive heat storage, sustainable wood, sedum roofs. The house curves around the tree to protect its roots. Peter Romaniuk 2004. Entry: house, garden.

Tube: Clapham South; Rail: Clapham Junction

Tube to Elephant and Castle

Siobhan Davies Studios, 85 St Georges Road SE1 6ER

Open Sat 1pm-6pm. First come basis, queuing if necessary. Last entry is 5.30pm. Max 150 at one time.

A landmark home for dance, the daring design with 2-storey atrium and undulating ribbon roof breathes life into an old school building. **Sustainable features** include re-use of existing building, materials from sustainable sources, earth tubes cooling air, natural ventilation, high-tech double-glazing and high levels of thermal insulation. RIBA Award Winner 2006. Sarah Wigglesworth Architects 2006.

Tube: Elephant & Castle, Lambeth North; Tube/Rail: Waterloo; Bus: 12, 53, 148, 344, 360, 453

Bus / Tube to London Bridge

2 Carmarthen Place, 2 Carmarthen Place SE1 3TS

Open Sat 10am-4pm. First come basis, queuing outside if necessary. Max 15 per house. One of two **eco wooden houses** and artist's studio with sedum roof. This form of sustainable construction is new to the UK and prefabricated in Europe to exacting designs, the complete panels were craned into site. Entry is through the houses and artist's studio. Please note that shoes must be removed before entry. Emma Doherty & Amanda Menage 2006.

Tube/Rail: London Bridge; 1,17,188,381,RV1

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Walk / tube to Waterloo

Wootton St Railway Arches, Wootton Street SE1 8TG

Open Sat 10am-5pm. First come basis, queuing outside if necessary. Last entry is at 4.30pm. Max 20 at one time.

Converted street of railway arches forming offices, café, gym and restaurant, sloping glazed frontages and double-height spaces creating a dramatic street frontage.

Sustainable features include sustainable re-use of existing structure, maximisation of natural light into deep cavernous spaces. Lewis & Hickey 2007. Entry: all areas of one unit. NB. This is an architectural exhibition and architects will be on site.

Tube: Southwark; Tube/Rail: Waterloo, Waterloo East; 45,53,100

And finally to the pub...

The Kings Arms

25 Roupell Street,
Waterloo East, London
SE1 8TB

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Sunday Trail: Clapham to London Bridge

Tube to Elephant & Castle, then Bus 343

3 Acorns Retro Eco-house, 2 Coleman Road, Camberwell SE5 7TG

Open Sat/Sun 10am-5pm. Last entry is at 4.30pm. Max 20 at one time.

This Victorian terrace (1844) two-bedroom house, has been converted into London's first retro-eco home. It is the only retro zero-carbon home in London. **Sustainable features** cover all 5 eco-technologies: solar hot water, solar electric (photovoltaics), domestic wind-turbine, wood-burner and rain-harvester. The owner is a leading eco-author and expert on eco lifestyles. Entry: ground floor and garden.

Tube: Elephant & Castle; then Bus 343; Rail: Rye Lane; Bus 36,12,171,345

Walk / Bus to Peckham

15 ½ Consort Road, SE15 2PH

Open Sat/Sun 10am-5pm. First come basis, queuing if necessary. Last is at entry 4.45pm. Max 4 groups of 5 at one time.

As seen on Grand Designs, the opening roof and sliding bath typify this unique and extraordinary response to various constraints and opportunities of a tight budget on an 'unusable' brownfield site. Shortlisted for RIBA Awards 2006. One of six voted as Nation's favourite Grand Designs' houses. **Sustainable features** include use of wasteland, recycled materials and innovative ideas. Richard Paxton Architects/MOOARC/Flower Michelin 2005. Entry: whole house. Architects available for discussion.

Rail: Peckham Rye, Queens Road Bus 345,436,171,12,63 to Peckham Centre & Library

Walk to Kings Grove Road

Quay House, 2C Kings Grove (Queens Road end) SE15 2NB

Open Sun 12noon-5pm. First come basis, queuing if necessary. Last entry is at 4.30pm. As seen on BBC4's 'Living with the Future', this building is a conversion of a 1930s milk depot into an architect's office, sculpture studio and home with new-build development of three flats above. **Sustainable features** include re-use of existing derelict building with recycling of materials. Entrance is through ground floor house/office/studio. Exhibition in m2 gallery and throughout building by Lucy Leonard. Quay 2C 2001.

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Walk / Bus to Surrey Canal Road

SELCHP Energy Recovery Facility, Landmann Way, (off Surrey Canal Road) SE14 5RS

Sun 10am-4pm. Max 200 at one time.

First new generation 'state of the art' Energy Recovery Facility providing long-term **sustainable solution** for waste disposal, and producing electricity for National Grid.

It is designed to minimise visual impact whilst remaining a high quality landmark building. Entry: specified tour route exhibition (NB. for wheelchair access call 020 7394 4770 in advance). Alan J Smith Partnership 1993.

Tube/Rail: New Cross Gate, New Cross, South Bermondsey; DLR: Surrey Quays, Canada Water; Bus: 47,188,199,225, P13

DLR to Rotherhithe

Lavender Pond Pumphouse, The Pumphouse Educational Museum, Lavender Pond and Nature Park, Lavender Road SE16 5DZ

Open Sat/Sun 10am-5pm. Last entry is at 4.30pm.

Yellow stock brick pumphouse originally regulated water levels in Surrey Commercial Docks, now houses Rotherhithe Heritage Museum. Lavender Pond provides a unique oasis of tranquillity among urban sprawl. Lavender Pond and Nature Park is a designated nature reserve promoting **biodiversity and sustainability**. Entry: all areas and nature reserve.

Tube: Rotherhithe; Tube/Rail; DLR: Canada Water; 381, C10

Walk / Tube to City Hall

City Hall, The Queen's Walk, (from Tower Hill, walk across Tower Bridge) SE1 2AA

Open Sat/Sun 9.30am-5.30pm. Last entry is at 5pm.

Home of the Mayor of London and London Assembly, this is an **environmentally-aware** building with innovative spiral ramp and fine views across London. The energy strategy for City Hall enables it to run on a quarter of the energy consumed by a typical high specification office building. The building's form is derived from a sphere, which has approximately 25 per cent less surface area than a cube of the same volume. The building is naturally ventilated, with openable windows in all office spaces and heat generated by computers and lights is recycled. Entry through London's Living Room, spiral ramp, chamber. Please note on Sat between 10am-1pm, there will be a City of 1000 Architects children's activity. Foster and Partners 2002.

Tube: Tower Hill; Tube/Rail: London Bridge; 47,42,78,381,RV1

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And finally to the pub....

**The Horse Bar
& Restaurant**

124 Westminster Bridge Road,
Waterloo, London SE1 7XG

www.horsebar.co.uk

Other interesting buildings we think you'd like to check out but that we didn't include on the trails: in no particular order!

Horniman Museum CUE Building (Sat 10:30am-5:30pm. Pre Book only on 02082918168)

Peckham library 122 Peckham Hill Street SE15 5JR (Sat 11-2pm, Sun 2pm)

Crossways Sixth Form Academy (Sat 11am-2pm)

8 Duke Humphrey Road (Sun 10am-5pm. Closed between 1pm-2pm)

Kaleidoscope (Lewisham Children and Young Peoples Centre) (Sat 10am-5pm)

Creekside Centre Deptford, Creekside SE8 4SA (Sun 11am-4pm.)

BedZED 24 Helios Road, Wallington, Sutton SM6 7BZ (Sat/Sun 10am-5pm)

Parity Projects House 78 Carshalton Grove, Sutton SURREY SM1 4NB

Please see www.londonopenhouse.org for more info on these buildings

**Blimey.
Don't forget your A-Z and your Oyster Card!
Enjoy ☺**

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