

Affordable eco-homes

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Rupert Hawley (MSc in Human Ecology from CHE) has a background in conservation biology and practical habitat management. CHE has helped him to move forward to incorporate humans into his work.

He is running a project in North Devon under the name Common Sense Solutions offering education and training in sustainable living; at present focusing on affordable eco-homes. The project is experimenting with rammed-earth tyre foundations and load-bearing strawbale walls and has a 7 x 5 metre exhibition centre under construction. Working through a youth charity Rupert also helps groups with practical habitat management projects focusing on building confidence and empowering so-called 'disaffected youth'. Land is being sought to build an eco-village and to set up a repeatable mechanism for affordable, sustainable living.