

Press release: Cloud Nine – energy prices, cost comparison

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Cloud Nine offers solution to soaring energy costs

Eco modular house builders and designers Cloud Nine are offering dwellings that can be heated for only £26 a year.

Based in Cornwall, the company's modular timber buildings have a unique combination of low carbon high-spec performance, which is built off-site and delivered to be fully functional on site in ten working days.

Cloud Nine houses are named after famous Cornish places Bude, Lamorna, Zelah and Mylor, all have user friendly eco-heating systems that capture energy from solar thermal panels, air sourced heat pumps and log burners, which provide hot water as well as in-wall heating.

Chris Chapman CEO Cloud Nine said: "Our heating system has enabled Cloud Nine customers to be 'future proofed' against rising energy costs, which means that buying a Cloud Nine house is truly sustainable; not only environmentally but economically in the short and long term"

"We have been able to keep heating costs down to £26 year for our two bedroom houses and not much higher for our three and four bedroom properties, which is now the difference between real choice and eco theory."

With the two bedroom 'Bude' house priced at £88,000 (plus land) and the three/four bedroom Lamorna coming in at £167,000 (plus land), these costs make an attractive proposition for people who want chain-free purchases and to deal directly with manufacturers, side stepping expensive legal and estate agency fees.

"What we are doing isn't rocket science", explained Chris Chapman. "It's simply a process of giving people the opportunity to buy high performance housing direct, which hasn't been marked up by every stage of a long supply chain.

“Sooner or later people will find alternatives to the current energy and housing situation and this is just one of them.”

Each house’s design is flexible in terms of materials and can be customised by the developer or self builder in terms of coloured render, timber cladding, pitched roofs or styles of interior.

Cloud Nine homes meet the energy requirements of Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, and can be upgraded to Level 5 by selecting optional items such as Solar Photovoltaic. With Code levels 3 & 4 becoming widely implemented Cloud Nine is well placed.

Cloud Nine’s eco-modular homes are delivered and assembled on site, yet because of the many variables in locations customers are responsible for preparing the building’s foundations, in other words anything below ground.

With this in mind, Cloud Nine has partnered with Midas Construction to show its customers a professional and reliable service to secure simple footings and services for its homes.

Murdo Mace, Midas Construction executive director said: “This is a growing market and we are keen to work with companies like Cloud Nine to provide people with high spec and truly sustainable dwellings in every sense of the word.

“What’s great about Cloud Nine products are that they offer something for individual customers as well as providing solutions for wider mixed developments like the new eco towns.”

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Cloud Nine website www.cloudnine-living.com

More about Cloud Nine

The company is headed up by Chris Chapman, CEO and co-founder director whose background is in design, development and financing large projects. The management team include Dave Sandbach, chief technical officer and Jerry Davison, finance director.