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SUSTAINABLE HOUSING IN ENGLAND - LESSONS FROM SCOTLAND

Time to explore how you build

THE TIMBER JOURNEY



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Government policy is driving change across the housing sector, boosting output, cutting carbon, and raising standards. The Structural Timber Association is working closely with homebuilders, government, and the Future Homes Hub to support these goals in a sustainable way.

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Our Sustainable Homes – Scottish Learning Journey will give you an insight into how Scotland is tackling housing challenges and how similar approaches can help SME developers in England get ready for the Future Homes Standard.



OVERVIEW

Date: Travel to Inverness 30 September, Tour starts 1 and 2 October 2026.

Time: 7:45 am 1st October 2026, finishing 2 pm 2nd October 2026

Starting Location: Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Inverness Airport, IV2 7BL Overnight at the Marriott - 30 September for 7:45am sharp start on 1st October 2026.

Finishing Location: 2 pm Aberdeen Airport (taxi option to Train Station)

PPE requirement: Bring your own safety boots; everything else will be supplied

***All travel and accommodation for this trip is free of charge, excluding travel to and from start/finish points.*

A

HOTEL DEPARTURE

07:45

Marriot Courtyard Hotel, Inverness, IV2 7BL

- Depart hotel 07:45am



- 15 mins to next destination

B

OSB - WEST FRASER

08:15 - 09:45

Morayhill, Dalcross, Inverness, IV2 7JQ

- Manufacturing OSB and product benefits
- Carbon savings of UK-made panel boards
- Applications in SME housing



- 45 mins to next destination

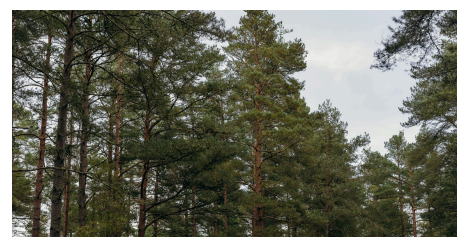
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FOREST - FORESTRY & LAND SCOTLAND

10:30 - 12:00

Culbin forest, Cloddymoss, Wellhill car park, IV36 2TG

- Carbon savings and renewability of timber (seed to harvest)
- Sustainable forest stewardship and certification
- Role of forests in achieving Biodiversity Net Gain



- 15 mins to next destination

D

I-JOIST - JAMES JONES

12:15 - 13:15

Greshop Industrial Estate, Forres, IV36 2GW

- Engineered wood products and technical performance
- Design support and carbon compliance
- Contribution to meeting regulations
- Takeaway packed lunch on the bus



- 2hrs & 15 min to next destination

E

SAWMILL - JAMES JONES

15:30 - 17:00

Burnroot, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, AB34 5PN

- Processing logs into construction-grade timber
- Grading, drying, and waste reduction
- Chain of custody and the future of homegrown timber



- 30 mins to next destination

F

OVERNIGHT TORNA COILLE HOTEL

- Arrive approx. 17:30
 - 19:30 meet for dinner at 20:00
 - Networking opportunity
 - Hear from industry experts
- Inchmarlo Road, Banchory, AB31 4AB



A

HOTEL DEPARTURE

08:00

Torna Coille Hotel, Inchmarlo Road, Banchory, AB31 4AB

- 07:45 gather & depart 08:00



- 30 mins to next destination

B

TIMBER FRAME MANUFACTURER – KIRKWOOD TIMBER FRAME

08:30 - 10:00

Sauchen, Aberdeenshire, AB51 7JH

- Design, manufacture, and assembly of timber frames
- Open vs closed panel systems (MMC Category 2)
- DfMA, safety, and Future Homes Standard readiness



- 30 mins to next destination

C

PRIVATE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING – CALA HOMES

10:30 - 12:00

Murtle Den Park, 2 Agricola Walk, Milltimber, Aberdeen, AB13 0BG

- National private and affordable homes delivery
- Open panel timber frame, large format with factory fitted windows
- Build stages – slab to finished homes
- Heat pumps & sustainability labelling,



- 15 mins to next destination

D

STIE VISIT - TBC

12:15 - 13:45

Site not confirmed but will be one of the following:

- Affordable Homes site
- Apartments
- SME/Rural development



- 15 mins to next destination

E

ABERDEEN AIRPORT

14:00

Dyce, Aberdeen, AB21 7DU

- drop off approx. 14:00pm



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