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## **Teachers 'to benefit' from timber frame homes**

Teachers in Berkshire are to benefit from the development of 22 new timber frame flats.

Developed by Wokingham District Council, in partnership with Home Group and Denne Construction, the new environmentally-friendly timber frame homes will offer a number of new features such as water butts and permeable surfaces for the reuse of rain water, reports the News Shopper.

The new flats also include solar panels for the generation of hot water; construction work began in July 2006.

"Framed buildings are often referred to as 'lightweight construction', but don't be misled; like the skeleton in your body, it's a precision engineered structure that is remarkably strong and durable", states the UK Timber Frame Association on its website.

The new flats are being constructed on the site of St Crispin's School; new tenants are expected to arrive by April 2007.

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