



GreenMinutes for Greenacres

TBAC (formerly Thames Business Advice Centres) has opened a new eco-friendly office development in Oxfordshire for small and medium sized businesses. As part of its environmental ethos, TBAC has signed up to GreenMinutes, STL's environmentally sustainable telephony initiative, bringing green telecommunications to a green building.

Built from Hemp

Greenacres is the first large building in Oxfordshire built entirely with Hemcrete, a mix of hemp waste and lime mortar that produces carbon negative highly thermally efficient walls. The UK produced hemp absorbs CO₂ from the atmosphere as it grows, which is then locked within the building, helping to reduce atmospheric CO₂ levels. In addition, the walls are highly insulating so the temperature in the offices and workshops changes very slowly reducing the amount of heating required.

Green telecomms

Greenacres is situated on Monument Park, Chalgrove and is a horseshoe shaped courtyard consisting of 8 workshops and 4 offices that are ideal for small or start-up businesses. Mike Jennings of TBAC commented, "It made sense for us to offer green telecomms to all our tenants. STL's GreenMinutes goes beyond traditional carbon offset with a range of eco features that really benefit growing businesses."

Carbon phoneprint offset

GreenMinutes takes eco-friendly communications to the next level making it easier, cheaper and more productive for businesses to use sustainable technology rather than to travel to meetings by car, train or plane. GreenMinutes is a unique carbon neutral lines and calls service that supports key environmental projects via The Carbon Neutral Company at no cost to the customer. Businesses subscribing to GreenMinutes also benefit from a range of additional eco-friendly applications including free teleconferencing, free connection of home workers and free use of STL's video conferencing facility as well as online billing and paperless payments.

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Mike Jennings,
TBAC

