

Homes & Property Showcase

How you choose to furnish your home or make best use of the space within is a very personal statement. Here's a sprinkling of ideas to get your creative juices flowing.

Never overpay for your energy ever again

YOUR ENERGY BILL IS PROBABLY one of your biggest monthly outgoings. The best deals available are typically £300/year cheaper than a standard tariff, so switching your supplier could save you a lot of money. But with 73 suppliers offering 400 tariffs to UK households, how can you be sure you're on the best deal for you? We suggest signing up to Flipper, the UK's first energy auto-switcher.

Flipper is an auto-switcher, not a price comparison website. It checks the market for its customers every month and 'flips' them onto a new tariff if a saving of £50+ can be made. It manages the whole switching process and the customer doesn't have to do anything. It's quick and simple and offers greater savings than using a comparison website, as these sites don't always show the best deals, just those from the suppliers who pay them commission.

Flipper is different. It doesn't take commission from suppliers. Instead, its members pay a £25 annual fee. But there's no fee to sign up – you're only charged once a saving of more than £50 is found and the first flip begins. On average customers save £385 a year as Flipper can switch to a wider range of suppliers and tariffs as soon as a better deal is available.

Flipper

All the suppliers it flips to are approved by Ofgem. Flipper checks supplier performance saying "if we wouldn't flip family and friends to a supplier, we won't flip anyone to them".

There were 57 energy price rises in 2018 with some tariffs increasing by 20%, so to stay on a good deal you should be checking the market every month. No-one really wants to do this. By using Flipper you have peace of mind that someone else is doing this for you and that you aren't overpaying for your energy – that way, you can spend time on the more important things in life.

Finally, don't assume that Ofgem's new 'price cap' will limit the amount you'll pay. It doesn't apply to the majority of tariffs and is still hundreds of pounds more than the best deals available.

So, to ensure you're on the cheapest energy deal, forever, go to: **flipper.co.uk**

Garden escape

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For further information on Shanly Homes, their upcoming developments in 2019, please visit the website below or feel free to call 01494 671331. **shanlyhomes.com | 01494 671331**

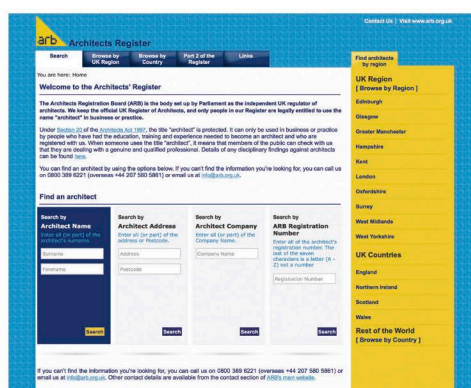


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Family-owned developer Shanly Homes celebrates half-century

CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY in 2019, award-winning housebuilder Shanly Homes has established a deserved reputation in developing quality, individual new homes since the very first development in Pinner, London, in 1969 by founder and chairman Michael Shanly. Fifty years later Shanly Homes is back in Pinner with the Heathlands development of nine two-bedroom apartments launching in spring 2019.

The privately-owned and still very much family-run business is committed to developing high-specification, sustainable and architecturally-innovative homes in and around London and the home counties. With 30 developments on the market in 2019, Shanly Homes builds much more than just homes, integrating into and becoming part of the communities in which they operate. From the firm's Thameside development – the epitome of luxury on the banks of the River Thames in Windsor – to the beautifully-designed collection of family homes at Oaks Meadow in West End, Woking, Shanly Homes offers an array of different developments in fantastic locations across the South East.

