

# How green is your (student) house?

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Carbon Neutral housing is the newest fad hitting the student rental market in Manchester, allowing students to not just go green but also save money. Student landlord Beech Properties has begun switching its properties to green energy by installing solar panels on the roofs.

The solar energy produced not only meets the houses' needs, but exceeds them, additional energy being fed into the National Grid and students able to keep the payback of around £60 a year.

To make them more energy efficient, the houses are also equipped with new, all-round insulation, something student houses notoriously lack, making

them hard to heat and draughty.

As you would expect, the green houses make a difference environmentally too, reducing tenants' impact on climate change. "Many students recognise the criticality of this issue and want to become part of the solution, not the problem," said company owner Stephen Beech.

"Students welcome the opportunity to reduce their carbon emissions but they are also very cost conscious and are not willing to compromise on quality or location. I wanted to make a fully modernised home that was value for money, in a prime location and also energy efficient.

"We're getting a lot of interest for our green houses, which shows that students really do care about the environment and want to play their part in helping reduce climate change."



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green student houses are 100%  
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