

GOD BLESS THE PRINCE OF WALES

Eco architects, Ecotecture, were VIP guests when HRH the Prince of Wales recently opened the latest phase of the Organic Research Centre (ORC), for which they had masterminded the design.

The ORC, located near Newbury in Berkshire, is the UK's leading organisation for the research, development and advisory work in organic farming. On the 30th anniversary of its founding, the Prince opened the latest phase of its redevelopment. A 17th Century barn and other farm buildings have been converted into office and work space for the body in a £900,000 project, using reclaimed materials and sustainable products such as wool for insulation.

Ecotecture's Jo Saady explains more: "We had to pay special care and attention to the ecology of the site, including looking after several species of bats which had to be allowed to retain their home in situ."



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