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## Let us help you crack the Code

It's hard to believe that the Code for Sustainable Homes has been with us for so long but the scheme is now into its sixth year having been born out of Eco Homes in 2007. There have been a number of updates since its introduction, the most significant of which followed the change to Part L in 2010. It is safe to assume another is due soon after the next change to Building Regulations expected at the end of the year.



The Code is now well established with more and more planning authorities using it as a means of ensuring sustainable construction and mitigating against climate change. Most local authorities have built into their planning policies sliding scales of Code compliance in line with the timetabled changes to Part L. Where certification to Level 3 has been the most common requirement in most areas, from October this year following the update to part L1A, that is due to increase to Level 4 in many cases. It is clear that using assessors with a detailed knowledge and broad experience has never been more important.

**Our team are here to help you through the assessment process. We offer a comprehensive Code consultancy service providing not only assessment but also knowledgeable, project specific, guidance on how best to approach the process.**

As the bar rises, it is ever more important to be sure you benefit from all of the 'low hanging fruit'. We can help by providing standard documentation and templates to ease the process along and also advise on other ways to gain easy, and even free, credits.

### In addition to providing a professional core service from experienced assessors we can also:

- Provide template documents for creating home user guides
- Provide standard documentation to gain free energy credits
- Advise on smartphone apps which simplify record keeping
- Direct you to sources for free smart meters and energy display devices
- Provide specifications to meet the requirements of WAT 1
- Undertake daylighting calculations
- Plus much more

Here at MES we have the knowledge and experience to provide you with a tailored service that meets your exact requirements. We have acted as Code assessors on hundreds of projects, both large and small, across the UK. What's more; we offer a range of other services to help with both the Code and Building Regulation requirements allowing us to provide a fully integrated solution to address all of your energy and sustainability needs.

For further information please click [here](#)

## MES Team start training for the C2C Challenge

Among the MES team there are a few fairly active and sporty types, and the conversation over a post-work beer turned to cycling.

The suggestion was floated that we take on a challenge, and so here we find ourselves facing a 174 mile bike ride from Whitehaven to Newcastle this September to raise money for The Toybox Charity, the MS Society and the British Polio Fellowship. A couple of the team did the local Southwell Triathlon last year, and others have run or cycled good distances, but this is our biggest collective challenge by far.



Yes we will be looking forward to a well earned pint at the end of each day's cycle but we will also be looking forward to making a difference in the lives of many people here in the UK and overseas. Please support us in anyway you can by making a donation to one of our charities or partnering with us on the logistical side of things. Anything you can do will help make the future brighter for many people.

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## Client in a reasonably priced car



We love playing Scalextric and have a track in the office (bit sad, we know). It's a replica of the Top Gear test track and we love it when our clients come and have a go. Come and visit us and have a go yourself. Our very own Stig will also give you some handy hints. There's a prize for the fastest lap.

Click [here](#) to see who's got the fastest laps so far this year

## Meet the Team Matthew Crowther

Matthew is an integral part of our residential compliance team. If Matthew can't get to the bottom of a tricky compliance issue, no-one can.

He is a fully qualified On-Construction Domestic Energy Assessor with over five years experience of residential developments of all shapes and sizes. He is also an experienced Non Domestic Energy Assessor. Matthew guides our clients through the challenges of Part L, F & G compliance and his level of experience means his clients benefit from cost effective, practical solutions. Away from work Matthew is a keen cyclist and gravity racer and is also building his own motorbike!

Click [here](#) to meet the team



## CPD Seminars

**Don't forget our CPD seminars on a wide range of sustainable building topics including Building Regs compliance issues, renewable technologies, daylighting, passivhaus etc.**

Seminars are held at our Newark and London offices and at our Manchester venue. For local authorities, larger architectural practices and developers we can also come to you. CPD certificates are provided.

For further information on our highly popular seminars programme for this year keep an eye on our website by [clicking here](#).

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## Our Services - don't gamble with building compliance

It has never been more important to ensure you have robust, professional advice on how to get your development to comply with regulations. Our services include the following:

- SAP & SBEM
- Residential & commercial air leakage testing
- Code for Sustainable Homes, Eco Homes & BREEAM
- Renewable energy evaluations
- Sustainability statements
- Daylighting & Right of Light services
- Ventilation and Overheating issues
- Water efficiency
- PassivHaus
- Thermal bridging
- Dynamic simulation modelling (DSM)
- Building Pathology
- Building Services Commissioning

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