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£1m House Prize up for grabs for FREE

A luxury eco-friendly home featured on The Discovery Channel's *World's Greenest Homes* in September 2008, and Channel4 – *Grand Design* – January 2008 is being given away in a competition, fully furnished for FREE in an October 2009 prize draw.

Going Green: Building For the Future

The house was originally seen on *Grand Designs* where over 4.8 million people tuned in to watch the home's current owners, Tim Bawtree, and family, who faced numerous obstacles in their quest for a greener, cheaper way of life.



Dubbed the 'Underground House' because of its eco-friendly design, the subterranean property is a meticulously constructed, modern townhouse in the heart of Cheltenham, one of the UK's most picturesque and iconic Georgian spa towns.

Grand Designs viewers saw the completion of the house as a triumph of eco-friendly design and it was labelled a 'magical house' by the programme because its main living area is located below ground but is filled with reflected natural sunlight.

"We wanted people to see that there is a different way of building," comments Tim. "By digging down into the ground, we have achieved a space that fully harnesses the earth's natural heat without compromising on modern conveniences or natural light. It was my intention to show people that homes can be designed to work with the environment, rather than against it."

As well as being fully insulated, it is heated by a ground source heat pump making it both economical to run and low maintenance. The house boasts what is one of the best HIPs ratings for energy efficiency in the town – famed worldwide for its architecture.

Green Giveaway: The Competition

Grand Design saw Tim and Zoe attempt to sell their Regency house in order to live their eco-friendly dream life, mortgage-free. But, the current property market has left the couple in a financial quandary, "In the end, we could not sell our other house," comments Tim. "We're now left in the worst case scenario of having two houses with two mortgages. But, because the *Grand Designs* house is such a special property, we wanted to find an innovative way for us to sell it. Hence, the Free to Enter competition draw."



Anyone can enter the competition from anywhere in the World as long they are 18 and agree to become a Follower of our Twitter Group. (www.twitter.com/pixahome) There is no purchase required and no catch.

Promoter and House owner Tim Bawtree (38) says "In order to give the house away as the First Prize we have to sell all the advertising space on our website www.pixahome.com" Tim continues "Using the Twitter blog we aim to drive large amounts of traffic to the advertisers links. With Adverts costing as little as £200 we feel that it offer a great investment for all sizes of customers worldwide." Tim has already had a lot of interest from all sorts of companies from international corporations, finance companies, property developers as well as people selling there houses privately.



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"This is a unique prize for one very lucky Twitterer," comments Tim. "As *Grand Design* viewers will know, we overcame numerous obstacles in the design and build of this property and the end result is a beautifully constructed eco home which promotes green living.

According to Tim, the property is perfect for those looking for a mortgage-free step onto the property ladder or a luxury pied-a-terre during the world-famous Cheltenham racing season.

"This house has something for everyone. It looks after itself and, as it is being transferred fully furnished with all the gadgetry and mod-cons included, anyone wanting a little piece of television history or an eco-friendly million-pound slice of contemporary living has a chance of winning it for FREE"

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Details on how to enter please visit www.pixahome.com



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Notes to Editors

Prize is worth just under £1 million (UK sterling) - the property will be presented to the winner of the competition draw fully furnished with stamp duty and legal fees paid for.

First Prize Cost Breakdown (in UK sterling):

£750,000 Freehold House Main Prize / Mortgage Free

£ 50,000 Furnishings

£ 40,000 Payment Processing

£ 29,800 Stamp Duty /Property Tax

£ 10,000 Legal Work

These costs exclude any VAT, Charity Donation, Admin Costs and Secondary Prizes cash or goods

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Property Details

12 Oxford Walk, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 6DN
The Underground Grand Design

- 3 bedrooms (master with en-suite dressing room and wet room)
- Large contemporary spa room
- Family bathroom
- Open plan living space incorporating sitting room/dining room/kitchen
- Playroom/cinema room
- Study
- Utility room
- Decked patio area and terraced gardens
- Off road parking

Situation

Tucked away from Oxford Street, Oxford Walk is a private no through road within Cheltenham's town centre. Cheltenham became a spa town in 1716, although its popularity flourished after King George III visited in 1788. Its heyday as a spa town was to last from about 1790 to 1850s and it was during these years that many of the town's fine regency terraces, crescents and villas were built. There is a wide range of excellent schools in Cheltenham including Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cheltenham College (co-ed), St Edwards and Dean Close. As well as superb educational facilities, the town is well known for the many literary and music festivals that it holds as well as the cricket and national hunt festivals.

Description

Recently featured on the Channel 4 *Grand Designs* series, 12 Oxford Walk has been constructed by current owners, Tim and Zoe Bawtree, where they have lived since last November. The property has a wealth of advanced technological features and eco-friendly design features, from the ground source heat pump providing the central heating and hot water, a highly insulated polystyrene and concrete construction under a rendered and painted exterior with a waterproof guarantee and an NHBC certificate, double glazing, underfloor heating, wiring for living control which is a multi media system and a video access control, a Rako wireless mood lighting system and a contemporary bathroom to name a few.

The accommodation lies on three floors. At the lower ground level is the main living space, incorporating an open plan large sitting/dining/kitchen area. Well lit with part glass ceilings and light wells and floor to ceiling folding glass panels, this area is particularly contemporary with an Intoto kitchen with AEG appliances including 2 induction hobs, 3 ovens (including steam oven), built in coffee machine, Zip tap (offering instant boiling and instant chilled water), electronic touch cupboards and drawers with Silstone (anti bacterial protection) tops, Elica cooker hoods and porcelain flooring. On this level there is also a utility room and a contemporary bathroom with a glass steam cabinet, also with light therapy and a rain shower, and a Villeroy & Boch invisible jet bath. Beyond the living space is an outside terrace with IPE hardwood decking and outdoor mood lighting. Beyond that the playroom/cinema room is wired for a cinema projector and surround sound. Both this reception and the main reception area have glass folding doors and the whole area can be opened up into one large living space, ideal for entertaining.

An oak staircase leads up to the ground floor. Glass and timber doors give ground floor entry with a video access control. The master bedroom suite is on this floor, with access out to the ground level decked outside terrace, an en-suite shower/wet room with Villeroy & Boch suite and a Daryll shower and a dressing room with Jesse units. Also at ground level is a study. On the first floor are two further bedrooms and a family bathroom with a Villeroy & Boch white suite. Outside to the front is a parking area and on the southerly side of the building two terraced areas with 'faux' grass and a stainless steel water feature. The whole offers a really light and contemporary feel with the amenities for real modern living.