

# Building a house of clay

A WEEKEND of messy fun will help teach adults and children how to build a house out of clay, straw, water and manure.

Acton Scott Working Farm, near Church Stretton, is taking part in Architecture Week and hosting The Natural House.

An architect will teach visitors of all ages about eco-friendly building with clay and manure, and an artists will respond to the project with a living exhibition.

Children and adults will get up to their arms in mud as they learn how clay, straw and water can create one of the most traditional, appropriate and sustainable building materials known to man - non-fired clay bricks, known now as 'light clay'.

Artist Graham Peet will create a photographic exhibition revolving around shelter in one day, which will stay on view to the public for the rest of Architecture Week.

## Images

Visitors will be invited to collaborate using a professional digital camera themselves to take more images and they will receive a free print of their images with a chance that it may appear in the finished exhibition.

Children who have been involved in the project can also enter a competition to win a book token for £30 by sending their comments to [www.thenaturalhouse.co.uk/smallcommissions](http://www.thenaturalhouse.co.uk/smallcommissions).

Kate Hadley of The Natural House said: "This project is an opportunity for arts and architecture to come together to explore very current issues of building methods and materials. We hope the Natural House will give people an opportunity to question their notion of what makes a home in the literal and idealistic sense and to see that there are other possibilities."

There will be two sessions each day on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday starting at 10am and 1.30pm and lasting two and a half hours.

Contact Acton Scott to book a place on 01694 781306.

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