

# 10 Homes in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Building a home surrounded by protected views leads to inspiring architecture

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Securing a site and gaining planning permission for a new house or undertaking a major renovation in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) calls for imagination and determination. But through the innovative use of modern construction techniques and eco-friendly materials, a new-build can enhance the landscape and raise standards of sustainability and design within the local area.



**1 RESTORED FARMHOUSE** Beautiful fell views surround this converted 17th-century farmhouse and barns in Ullswater, on the Solway Coast, Cumbria, which is between the Solway Firth and the North Pennines AONB. It was bought for £425,000 and restored by architect Andrew Hall, 59, his wife Bridget, 56, who led the interior design, and their two daughters, Anna, 21, and Sophie, 19.

Costing £1.49 million, the project created 427sqm of living space, including a kitchen in one of the barns and five bedrooms. The roof was remade using locally sourced slates to meet planning stipulations and the barns rebuilt using an insulated timber frame overlaid in stone, in keeping with the AONB conditions. The house is occasionally rented out as a holiday let. Andrew Hall Designs (07788 565291) >>