

**PLOT 25: The Flower House**  
**A&J BURRIDGE AND O'BRIEN HOMES**

The Flower House will be open to the public for viewing at Scotland's Housing Expo which will take place at Milton of Leys throughout August. The Expo will provide a vision for the next generation of Scottish housing and is based on an established model found in Finland and mainland Europe. It is set to put Scotland firmly on the map as an exemplar of sustainable living.

The houses and their contents will form a platform for showcasing the wealth of Highland and Scottish design talent, including interior and product design. The initiative also provides a 'test bed' for construction and technological innovation, which will inform Scottish house building in the future. The houses will inspire developers to learn new skills and source fresh ideas to incorporate into future designs, while demonstrating how new building standards can be met on energy efficiency and carbon reduction.

With kids getting in free of charge, the Expo event will offer a great day out for families, visitors to the area and anyone who designs or builds homes, or who has an interest in design and the whole idea of living in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. There will be a different programme of events every day throughout August and will be free to children accompanied by adults.

The Flower House is a stunning, vibrant and innovative home with a very distinct style and identity which also offers high sustainability for the modern, environmentally conscious home owner. The house, which will form part of Scotland's first ever Housing Expo at Milton of Leys in August, features unusual flower motifs on its exterior which is set to make it stand out from the crowd.

Designed by Edinburgh-based A&J Burridge and constructed by O'Brien Homes, the two-story, three bedroom detached property features good natural daylight coupled with impressive panoramic views to the north and the Moray Firth from the open plan, flexible second floor living space. This combination makes for a bright, welcoming and airy environment which takes advantage of both its interior features and exterior position.

The three bedrooms, located on the ground floor, allow the property to maximise its south-east aspect. An area of 'extra' south-west facing space works hard to add value to the home by becoming a flexible extension to the living room, or potentially a granny flat. A clever and intelligent design feature, this buffer-like space protects against cooler temperatures in the winter but also allows heat from the sun during summer to be retained through the use of glass and materials with thermal qualities.

Solar panels located on the roof provide constant energy to heat the water and, combined with triple glazing and a solid timber frame, make this an environmentally sound home.

Another key 'green' feature of the Flower House means it only features showers rather than baths to keep water use at a manageable and sustainable level.

Overall this sustainable approach ensures that the Flower House meets the eco-friendly ethos of the Expo whilst also providing a minimised carbon footprint for the home owner by offering a more energy-efficient lifestyle.

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