

# PROPERTY



## HOUSE OF THE MONTH

**Who's behind the design?** Local architects, Koto, who wanted to build with nature to protect the environment and to encourage biophilic living; a connectedness between people and the natural world. Falcon House, in the Birchwood development, is designed to have a direct connection to nature and to maximise the natural light.

**Eco-friendly credentials?** The house is built out of sustainably sourced timber, which removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and stores it in the fabric of the building. The development is in what used to be a working quarry, which has been regenerating with water channels and newly planting native meadows to encourage a diversity of flora and fauna.

**Best room in the house?** The sitting room, with its huge glass windows that offer fantastic views into the tree canopies and beyond.

**What would parties be like here?** Falcon House and its neighbours are ideal for families looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life. Parties would involve a couple of families relaxing outside, roasting marshmallows on the fire pit and sipping drinks in the wood-fire hot tubs.

**... and summers?** Falcon House is located in a unique forested area with a large children's treehouse alongside the fire-pits and hot-tubs. There are bikes to hire and acres of land to explore by foot, and, of course, fantastic surfing beaches are just a 20 minute drive away.

**Perks of the area?** It's located in the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and is a beautiful area to explore.

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**Birchwood,  
Barnstaple,  
North Devon**

**Price: £399,000**

2 bedrooms  
2 bathrooms  
896 sq/ft

