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BARN-STYLE HOUSE On open farmland near Melksham, Wiltshire, this three-storey home emulates the workers' cottages it replaced. Its masonry gable end blends with elements that reference the area's agricultural buildings. Practice Arctel designed the property for Anthony and Jenni Bulley, a semi-retired couple who wanted to self-build after their children left home.

On the outside, charred timber cladding is teamed with sinusoidal (wave-shaped) metal roofing to look like a barn, and the eco-friendly house features an air-source heat pump, electric car-charging ports and high levels of insulation. Care was taken to minimise the use of chemicals and construction waste.

The four-bedroom home cost around £1,800 per sqm to build, and in 2022 it won Best Individual New Home at the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) Building Excellence Awards. (arctel3i.co.uk) GD

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