

Metrotile Shingle Renews and Protects Cornish Units

Homes in Blaenau, Gwent Use Shingle For Cladding

There are an abundance of 1950's prefabricated Cornish Unit homes found throughout the UK, many of which are still within housing stock held by Local Authorities and Housing Associations.

When undertaking the refurbishment of their Cornish Unit stock, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council turned to Metrotile to supply the Metrotile Shingle Lightweight Roofing and Vertical Cladding system to replace the mansards, following the successful application of the product as vertical cladding on recently refurbished homes. The result was a stunning rejuvenation of the units, complimented by the vandal resistance and insulation benefits provided by the Shingle system.

John Lewis, the Senior Technical Officer for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council has stated:

"I would be more than happy to talk to any other Local Authority or Housing Association and highly recommend this system"

The application of Metrotile also placed less strain on the supporting structure than the traditional materials did, which is very important given the nature of the Cornish Unit's architecture - Cornish Units were designed post World War II as a means of temporary housing. At the time they were only expected to last up to forty years - and with a Metrotile installation, they are now guaranteed weatherproof for another forty years!

The product left such a good impression that Bristol City Council have chosen to specify Metrotile for their Cornish Units after seeing the product in action on the homes in Blaenau.

