

CASE STUDY



EOTHEN HOMES

Newcastle



PROJECT
60-Bed care facility

CONTRACTOR
Coachhouse 8

PRODUCT
Saxon 10 Slates 8
in Blue

FEELS LIKE HOME

Aesthetically attractive and simple to install, Saxon 10 Slates were a straightforward choice when it came to roofing a ground-breaking £6.2 million care facility for those with dementia.

"The Blue slates contrast particularly well with the red facing bricks and pleased both the planners and the client," said architect Steve Howmans of the award-winning Coachhouse 8 practice. "They've attracted a lot of favourable comments from everyone including the roofers, who said they were easy to install."

Built for Newcastle-based charity Eothen Homes, the 60-bed home, is recognised as the first of its kind in the North East, because it has been designed using research into the needs of people living with dementia. Eothen says the venue will provide a family environment where quality of life is at the top of the agenda and a key part of the design is "freedom, security and space".

The 1,275m² roof is at a pitch of 30°, though the slates can be laid at a minimum pitch as low as 17.5°, which extends the possibilities for designing distinctive roofscapes. The project also employed Redland ridge and verge components.

"I've been specifying Redland slates and tiles for 20 years and never had any issues – they've always been delivered on time and I had no reason to change so I gave the client the choice of four samples, but with a bias towards Saxon," Mr Howmans commented.

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Manufactured with a riven surface, cut back interlock, thin leading edge and chamfered side edges, Saxon 10 Slates mimic quarried slate but have features that only machine-made tiles can deliver; such as single nail fixing and no requirement for eaves or top slates.

Two vibrant, rich colours are available: A Black that matches the black-grey slate of Scotland; and Blue, which is based on the blue-grey slate quarried in Snowdon.

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