



**HEAT RECOVERY VENTILATION SYSTEMS**

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## **What Reports Should I Believe?**

An inquiry this week came in by e mail which read something like this; *'I am in the process of planning a new house and am considering using heat recovery ventilation. The problem is that I am receiving conflicting reports as to the usefulness of this system. Can you please advise?'*

I immediately called this man and subsequently spent around 45 minutes giving him the benefit of long experience in not just the ventilation industry, but being immersed in the changing world which is the house-building industry, over the past decade.

He had been referred to us by his energy assessor, who not alone knows the facts but has direct experience of HRV in his own house. Contra to this, his discussions with a local builder involved expressions such as *'well it is a lifestyle choice'* and *'I have heard that these things can consume far more electricity than what they can save you'*

Straight away, my ears picked up on the term, *'I have heard'*. This equates to other terms like, *'they say'*, or *'someone told me'*. Who are these people, they and someone, who peddle hearsay? I prefer people who deal in facts backed up by scientific knowledge, like my friend the energy assessor.

It just so happens that just recently, we carried out a case study on this very subject of energy usage versus energy savings. Please see below.

