



## Kit homes – island style

SKYE is the largest and best known of the Inner Hebrides, famous for its natural beauty and wildlife. Now, Skye Homes is adding another accolade to the list – as its kit homes have seen the island's traditional housing spring up from Shetland to Wales.

Portree-based Skye Homes is owned by Tricia and John MacDonald, a husband and wife team who set up the company six years ago. The MacDonalds have plenty

of experience in building. John's grandfather even built Skye's spectacular Neist Point lighthouse in 1909. John said: "Skye homes are part of the environment, and fit in with the landscape. They have authentic proportions and a real sense of style." These kit homes are sensitive to their surroundings. John added: "The houses are built in various parts of the UK and we tailor the look and feel of the houses to changes in the local vernacular. This is

important to us, especially as lots of the houses are built in conservation areas." It is no wonder that Skye Homes is rapidly expanding. Beginning with three people in July, 2002, the company now employs 17 in the office and seven at its busy factory. It is currently looking to expand to a new site in the misty isle's second largest settlement, Broadford. Prices for the popular kit homes range from £16,000 to £55,000.



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