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# TO CATCH A KILLER



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**EXCLUSIVE**

**Wanted 'killer' could be living among expat community as detective calls in OP for backup**



**The local girl who zoomed into Lewis Hamilton's racing line, see page 3**

A FORMER Scotland Yard detective has joined forces with *the Olive Press* to track down one of the UK's most wanted killers. Peter Bleksley, who worked for the Met Police's undercover SO10 unit in the 1980s, has asked for help in bringing alleged murderer Kevin Parle to justice. The 38-year-old Liverpoolian fled to Alicante more than a decade ago after masked gunmen broke into the home of mum-of-three Lucy Hargreaves and shot her as she slept on her sofa in August 2005. Parle, who is unmissable with a towering height of 6ft 6 and a red beard, is also wanted in connection with the shooting of 16-year-old Toxteth lad Liam Kelly, who was gunned down in Liverpool back in June 2004. "He's been on the run for 14 years and he could have completely reinvented himself," Bleksley, who now writes books on unsolved crimes,

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By Joshua Parfitt & Laurence Dollimore

told *the Olive Press* this week. "He could be living with an unsuspecting partner who knows nothing of his background. He could have a wife and kids, and be delivering washing machines - we simply don't know."

**Scandalous**

"If I get a text, call, email, message via social media I will go straight to the airport and jump on a plane." Previous *Olive Press* investigations have linked Parle to Torrevieja and the wider Alicante area, but other sightings have stretched as far as Perth, in Australia. "He shot a 16 year old boy and a 22-year-old mother of three, it's absolutely scandalous," added Bleksley, who is urging any *Olive*

*Press* readers who know or met Parle to come forward. The detective-turned-author particularly wants to speak to British residents who referred to Parle as a 'gentle giant' during an *Olive Press* probe back in 2009. "I will speak to them under the radar and it's my solemn undertaking to never disclose their identity," vowed Bleksley, who is currently writing a book on Parle to help raise awareness. The investigator is planning on heading to Madrid on June 1, believing Parle won't pass up the chance to watch Liverpool FC in the Champions League final. "Parle was a huge Liverpool fan, and there's only one place for a Liverpool fan who can afford it on June 1, and that's Madrid," he said. If you know, knew or ever met Parle, or have any relevant information, no matter how insignificant, please contact [newsdesk@theolivepress.es](mailto:newsdesk@theolivepress.es).

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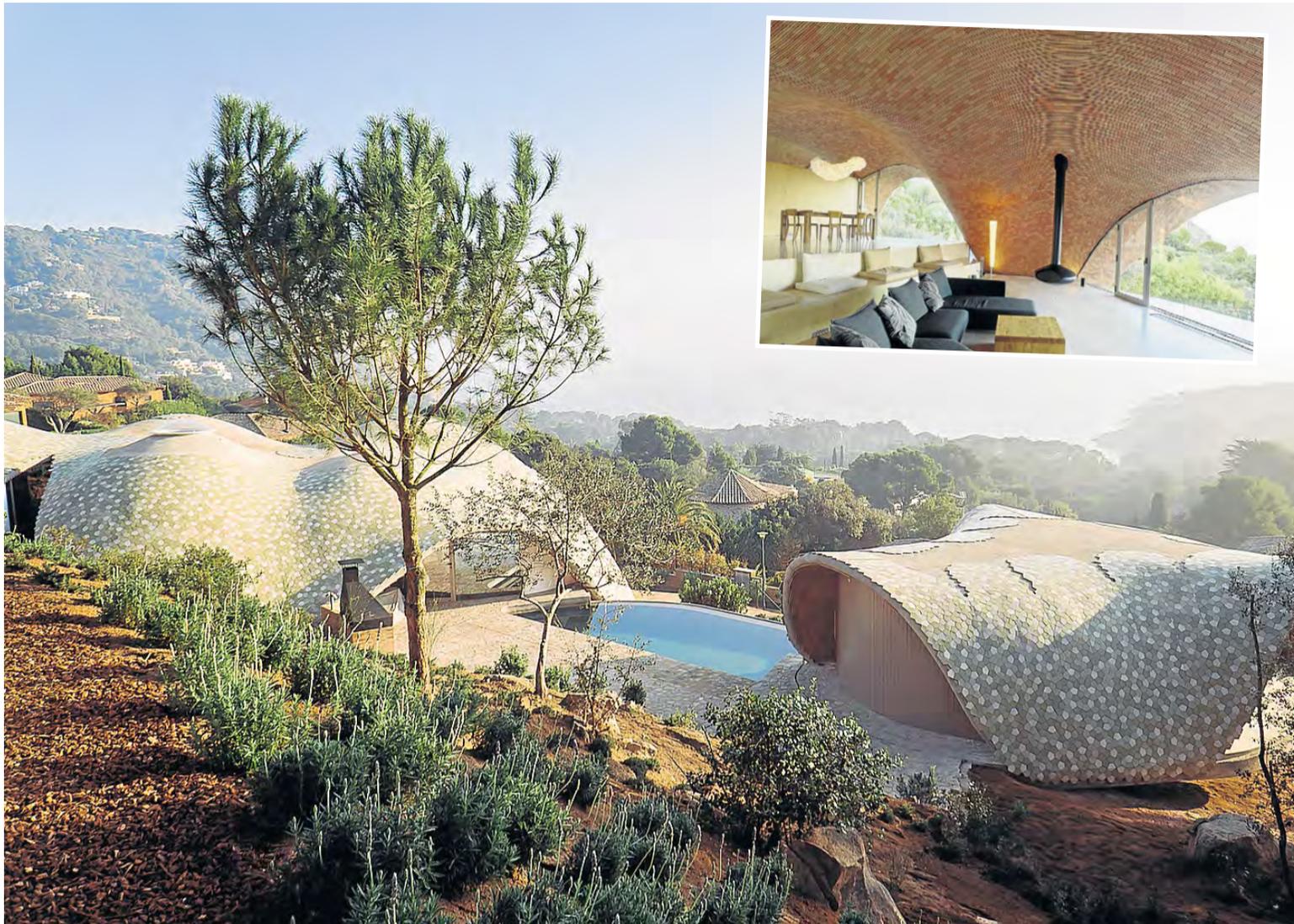
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# Green

Spanish architects with designs on saving the planet

**S**USTAINABLE builds are becoming the hottest thing since global warming and dozens of architects in Spain are at the grass roots of the green boom. Millions of people around the world are waking up to climate change and taking an interest in where their food and household products come



## New wave of Catalan sustainability

**A** CATALUNYA home whose undulating Gaudi curves would have raised the eyebrows of the great architect himself has set the bar for sustainable homes of the future. Villa Stigilat Aiguablava in the Emporda region has just been completed for a wealthy Swiss family who wanted a modern property which adapts to its environment. Crafted by Enric Ruiz-Geli and his Cloud 9 studio, the home features a main house, adjacent pavilion and incredible swimming pool. Advanced fiberglass engineering was used to form the enormous sweeping

Catalan vault stretching across the main residence interior, a feature echoing the view outward.

The structure and materials recreate the properties of a natural cave to keep things cool during hot summers and cosy during the winter, while their porosity keeps the air inside fresh, making for a highly energy efficient home. Meanwhile, outside, the preexisting community of pine trees are complemented by an integrated native foliage, filtered rainwater swimming pool and adjoining wild native plant garden.

# SELL AWAY

## Top tips for selling your property on the Costa Blanca

**S**PRING is in the air and certainly for us at Coast and Country it was a phenomenally busy April with lots of clients viewing and buying properties.

If you are thinking of selling your property on the Costa Blanca, here is our feedback on what clients are looking for, what puts them off and how to get your property ready to sell.

95 % of our sales this year have been to Belgian, British and Dutch clients, one of the key priorities for both these nationalities when buying a property here in the Costa Blanca, is outdoor living, the al fresco lifestyle and relaxing in the sunshine. It is so impor-

### Next, take a long objective look at your property from the inside

tant when deciding to sell your home that you make sure potential buyers can see themselves in your well-kept garden or terrace, tidy away poolside clutter and inflatables, replace faded and ripped sun lounge cushions and have designated areas with comfortable furniture for reclining, a BBQ area and dining area.

Curb appeal is always important, make a good first impression by keeping paths swept, re varnish gates, and make sure doors and door knobs are clean and in good order.

Get rid of any weeds and consider planting a couple of fresh containers outside the front door, in the garden or on the balcony.

Having got the outside in order, the next thing to do is to take a long objective look at your property from the inside. We have a top three list of ways for you to present the property in its best light.



### Dress to impress

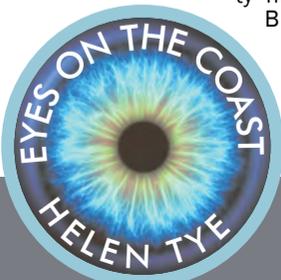
We don't mean put on your Sunday best for viewings but dress your house with fluffy white towels in the bathrooms, soft lighting with low wattage lamps or dimmer switches, subtle throws and cushions and banish any heavily patterned items such as rugs and bed linen to storage,

### Decorating

Colour is a wonderful thing but when it comes to selling your home tone down bright and brash colours and freshen up any bold coloured rooms with a neutral tone.

### De-clutter

living in a home for years means we collect lots of personal belongings and memorabilia. Why wait until you move to sort it out? Take it room by room, decide what stays, what goes and what is boxed away ready for the move. Simplify everything and invest in appropriate storage containers that can be hidden away for the items that are staying. If you would like help before deciding to sell with a valuation, how best to present your house and with some free no obligation tips and advice, just call the team at Coast and Country or come in and see us in our Moraira town centre office.



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from and - increasingly - the fabric of their homes. And with the clock to climate catastrophe already ticking, homebuyers are demanding energy efficient properties and have a low-to-no carbon footprint. Luckily, architects are already coming up with ingenious designs and ideas for energy efficient homes which don't cut back on the cool factor.

We've singled out four stunning green houses in Spain that are taking the concept of 'eco-friendly' to the max.



## Zero to hero

**T**HIS Cantabrian holiday home is so energy efficient it generates more power than it consumes.

Villa Slow, as it has been christened by Laura Alvarez Architecture, is built from the walls of a stone ruin and offers the perfect hideaway in the nature reserve of Valles Pasiegos.

The home relies on an air-heat pump with a low-temperature heating system while its top-notch insulation keeps energy use at an all time low.

"The house is connected to the electrical network, as in Spain you are not allowed to build without this connection," studio founder Laura Alvarez told Dezeen.

"The heat-pump is connected to the grid and produces five kilowatts of energy for each kilowatt that it takes from the network. So, it produces more energy that it consumes, therefore you can call it a zero-energy home."

The property is a replica of a *cabaña pasiega* barn house typical of the Cantabrian mountain region.

A slate roof and stone walls are paired with huge windows offering jaw-dropping views, while the interiors have a minimal look with an open-plan kitchen and living space.



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