



Crafted by design.

“For over 30 years, our reputation and extensive portfolio have been built on the strength of our team; a family of exemplary makers and inventors, upheld by a dedicated support team.”

Luke Copley-Wilkins, Managing Director

West Yard Farm, Devon

Light and spacious timber framed barn extension with glazing



We are award-winning creators of timber framed buildings.

With care, quality and craftsmanship in our DNA, we have been handcrafting oak frames for over 35 years. Our passion for design and making has taken us throughout the UK, into Europe and beyond.

We've built castle roofs, great halls, pagodas and bridges. We've built farm shops, wedding barns, museums and mountain lodges.

Self-builds, dream-builds, Grand Designs, simple designs and everything in between.

We are Carpenter Oak and whatever your project, we would love to work with you.

Redhill Barn

Award-winning Douglas fir barn conversion



WINNER
RIBA SOUTH WEST
AWARDS
2021





“We visited Carpenter Oak’s workshops and watched craftspeople hand-turn a massive piece of oak, knocking out mortice joints with their chisels and mallets. Our eyes were opened to this traditional way of working. We were hooked.”

Ian Robinson, Carpenter Oak client

Services

Our pioneering services have been developed over the last 35 years and we understand that successful projects are built on the relationships forged between our clients, architects and frame designers.

Personalised advice

Whatever stage you are at in the design and build process, we can help, advise and inspire you. No question is too simple and no conversation too long. Browse our website for information, follow us on social media for inspiration or come and meet us at a trade show. You can visit our yards in Devon and Scotland, where you will see carpenters handcrafting frames in the workshop and take time to talk to an experienced project manager. Our aim is to understand you and your project, to best support you as we move to the next stage.

Architectural design

There's a lot to consider when choosing your architect. Our in-house architectural service gives you access to experienced designers who interact seamlessly with our frame designers and project managers. If you would prefer to work with an independent architect and you don't already have one in mind, we can introduce you to one of our network of recommended architects, based throughout the UK.

Structural frame design

Our structural frame designers collaborate with architects and engineers to design what will be the main structural element of your project. Your frame will provide the visible skeleton for your build, with everything else going up around it. Traditional craftsmanship and contemporary construction methods are combined with the imagination and invention of our designers.

Frame production and raising

Frame production takes place in our workshops where everything is considered in advance. From calculations to roof geometry to the logistics for frame raising, the same dedicated team of carpenters who handcraft your frame will come to site to raise it. This kind of attention to detail both ensures the quality of your frame and gives our carpenters the satisfaction of seeing their projects through to completion.

Encapsulation systems

Ensuring that you have a wind and watertight structure can be critical to financing a self build project. We work with several types of insulation panel systems, to suit different building specifications and budgets. There are a variety of both natural and synthetic products available and all can be integrated with your timber frame.



THE INTERNATIONAL
DESIGN &
ARCHITECTURE
AWARDS

The Studio, Wiltshire
Award-winning contemporary pool house and pilates studio



New-build house, southern England

Hybrid oak-framed vaulted kitchen and living area in a modern self-build home



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South Downs Garden Annex
Replacing a disused barn with a beautiful and functional space



East Coast Scottish home

A beautiful single storey home with oak framed living areas



The Wheel House

A modern family home built with a hybrid oak frame



Allies Farm, Essex
Douglas fir family farmhouse



Iconic, tactile and honey coloured. Naturally curved timbers add immense feature. Develops characterful splits and shakes as it dries.

OAK



Orangery-pink in tone, this straight growing species lends itself to linear, contemporary architecture. Often planed all round, to give crisp finish.

DOUGLAS FIR



Pink in tone, and plentiful in the UK. Often used externally - its natural resin content protects it from decay.

LARCH



An engineered timber, available in a range of species (spruce, Douglas fir, larch, oak, ash, chestnut). Challenges convention in timber architecture.

GLULAM



Materials

Sustainable and durable, the natural beauty of oak gives any room its warmth and drama. Over time, shakes and checks will appear in the exposed beams as the oak matures, adding to its much loved character.

As well as oak, we work with other timbers including Douglas fir, larch and glulam (engineered laminated timber).

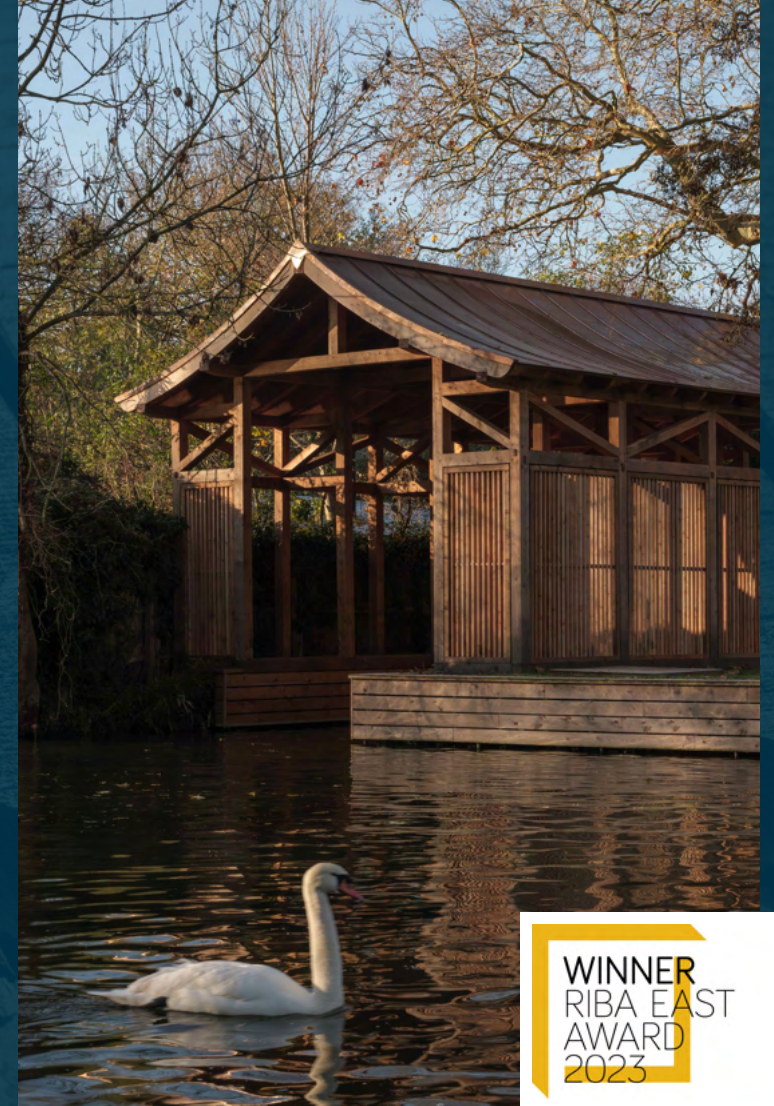
Taking a handcrafted approach enables us to work in a variety of styles, with the most challenging designs. Our designers and engineers will work with you to establish which variety of timber, style of frame and design features will make the most of your bespoke build and budget.

Sustainability

We source our oak from sustainable and well managed woodlands in Northern France and Germany. These mills have access to a plentiful supply of very high quality timber.

We choose to source our oak from these places because the supply in the UK is generally of a lower quality, inconsistent in supply and can be much more expensive. This is due to a lack of investment in good hardwood management over many years.

We are hopeful that the situation will change over time, but for now, continental oak is the best option for our framing. However, our Douglas fir and larch all come from sustainable, well managed UK forests.



WINNER
RIBA EAST
AWARD
2023

English larch award-winning Japanese inspired boathouse



Southern coast of Wales
New-build contemporary style home with open plan living area in larch glulam

Taigh Na Coille - House of the woods

Green oak deck structure and Douglas fir internal framed home





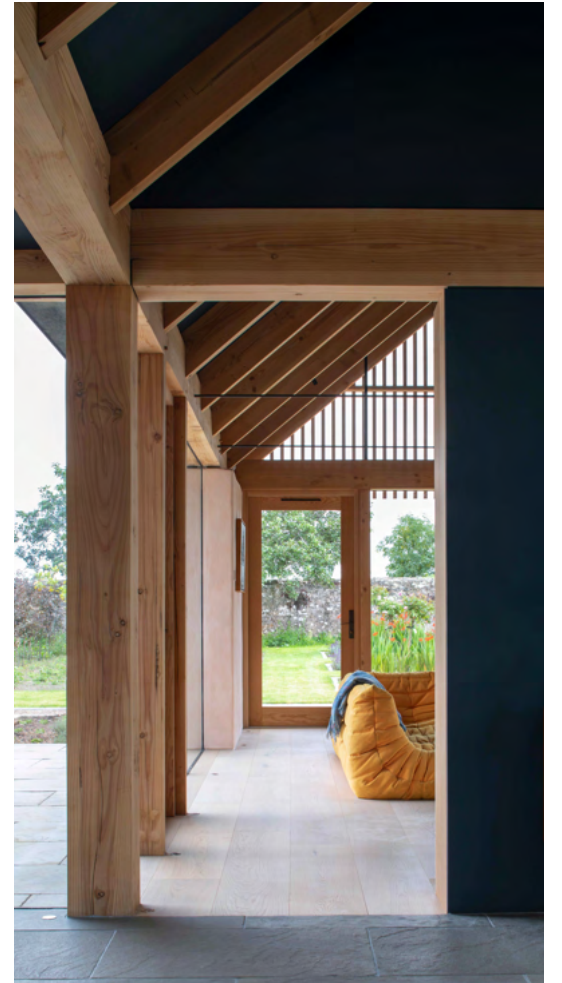
Frame installation for a 4-bedrom oak framed home in Essex



Installing an oak frame for a home overlooking the River Dart in Devon

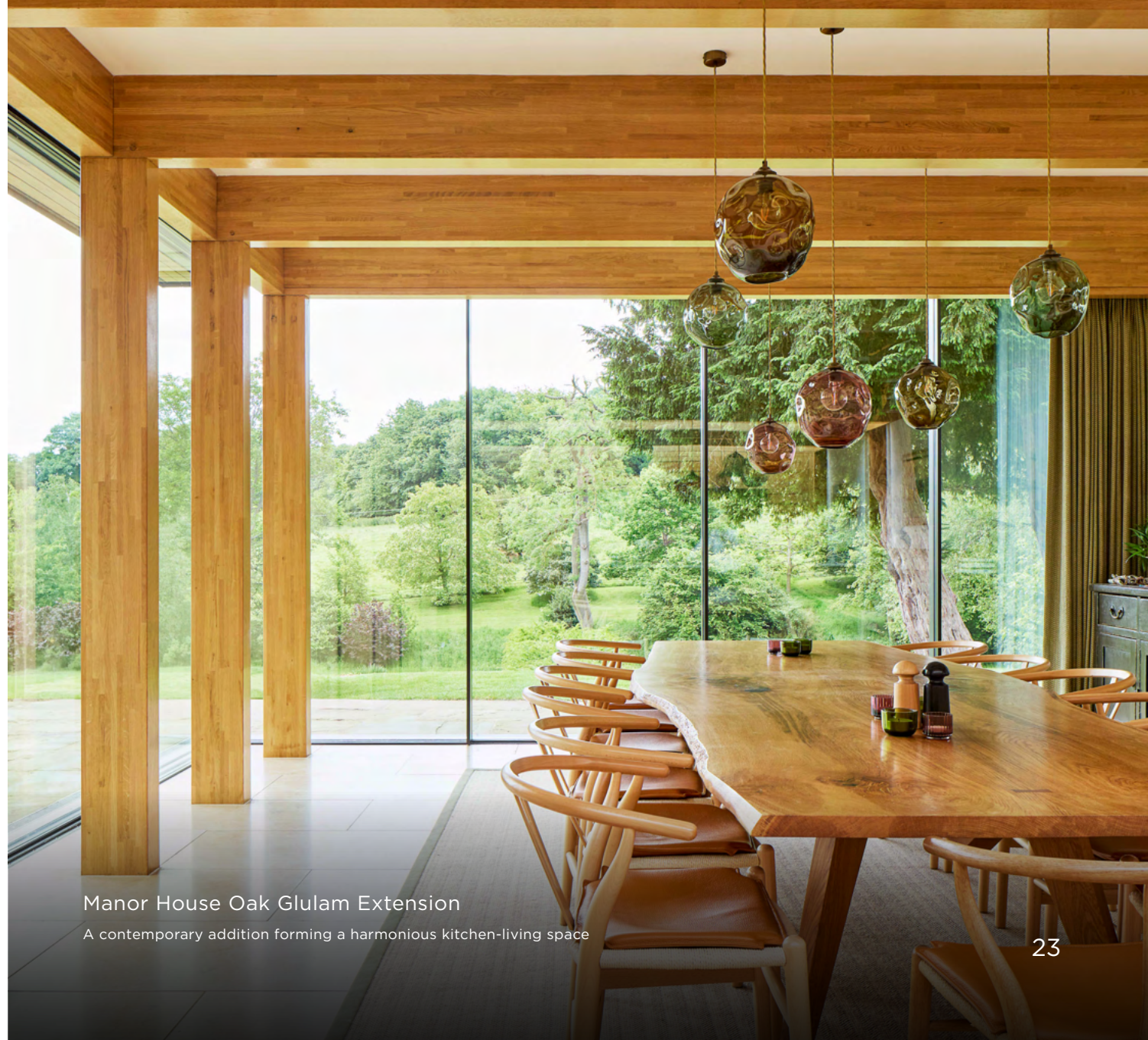


South East Scotland
Georgian house with contemporary extension in planed Douglas fir



You are welcome to visit our yards in Devon and Scotland, where you can take a tour of our workshops and discuss your project plans with a member of our team.

We also attend self-build shows across the UK and host open house events at completed Carpenter Oak projects. You can find details of these events on our website.



Manor House Oak Glulam Extension

A contemporary addition forming a harmonious kitchen-living space



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