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Roundwood Timber Framing Building Naturally Using Local Resources By Ben Law

Since building his famous Woodland House from his own woodland, author Ben Law has evolved his own style of natural building, now tried and tested on many other builds across England. Ben has built houses, workshops, a classroom, lean-tos, a shop and a store to industrial specifications. Whilst this style's origins can be found in traditional forms of building Ben has developed an entirely new vernacular using many new ideas and techniques.

Filled with detailed colour photographs and drawings, this unique and practical 'how to' book is unquestionably a benchmark for sustainable building. It encourages communication between woodsmen, planners, architects and builders and helps to close the loop between environmental conservation, use of renewable local resources and the regeneration and evolution of traditional skills to create durable, ecological and beautiful buildings.

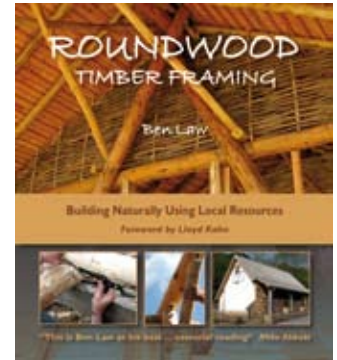
The book will be joined by the *Roundwood Timber Framing DVD* later this year, for which Ben is the presenter.

KEY SALES POINTS:

- Ben is now a much admired figure. His previous books have sold extremely well and this book, with its highly original and fascinating contribution to design and build, is set to capture the public's imagination and desire to increasingly learn traditional crafts.

MEDIA INTEREST:

- Ben is making personal appearances at a host of UK woodcraft festivals throughout the autumn. He is a big draw and a fabulous speaker.
- Major features booked for a string of magazines.
- TV production companies vying for Ben to work with them.
- Huge online interest in this title, especially from America.



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What people are saying about Roundwood Timber Framing

“Ben’s beautiful book shows that intelligently sourced wood is ultimately the best building material we have: the most sustainable, the most versatile and easily the most pleasant to live with. By taking past traditions of roundwood timber framing and harnessing them successfully to the rigorous demands of modern building, Ben shows that wood is one of the most vital commodities for us to build a sustainable future on this planet.” *Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, TV chef, author and campaigner*

“Ben’s work is unique... He’s a 21st century woodsman, formulating a new building style based on the timber framing methods of his British ancestors, but incorporating new techniques and the realities of the present-day world. He’s created a new vernacular, one that he’s passing on to future builders via hands-on workshops and books like these.” *Lloyd Kahn, author of Shelter, Homework and Builders of the Pacific Coast*

“Ben Law shows us all how it might be possible to live a low carbon, low resource-intensive way of life and he does it by example, bringing his considerable experience as a woodsman, designer and builder to construction challenges. In this thought provoking book Ben shows us how we can construct expediently and with minimum environmental effect”. *Kevin McCloud, TV presenter of Grand Designs and author*

“Ben Law is a national treasure!” *Felix Dennis, author, publisher*

“This is Ben Law at his best – a comprehensive book full of practical information and packed with detailed photos – all underpinned by years of hard won experience and a sound philosophy. This has to be essential reading for the growing number of woodlanders keen to immerse themselves in all that woodlands have to offer.” *Mike Abbott, woodland craftsman and author*

“Law and his publisher have grasped the bull by the horns and delivered a real winner by including a good deal more hands-on information.” *Green Building Magazine*

“The book is a triumph for incorporating so much technical detail without losing the spirit of building with wood.” *Smallwoods*

“A practical how-to-do-it book for building sustainably using roundwood timber as well as advocating timber-frame buildings as one of the few truly sustainable building methods in a future of dwindling resources. The book has excellent colour photos throughout, illustrating every aspect of the process from tree to building and is highly recommended.” *Martin Crawford, Agroforestry Research Trust*

“More practical than his previous books ... a real winner.” *Green Building Magazine*

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ben Law is arguably Britain’s greatest living woodsman. He has inspired millions with numerous TV appearances, training courses and lectures, and was most notably voted by viewers of Channel 4’s *Grand Designs* programme as having the Best Ever Build with his Woodland House. He has also been on the BBC programmes *Countryfile* and *The Green Team*. In America, Ben’s profile is on the rise due to appearances on *The World’s Greenest Homes*, *The World’s Most Extreme Homes* (HGTV) and *Nightline* (ABC).

In the late 1980s Ben set up and directed the charity, The Forest Management Foundation, working primarily with community forestry. Ben was a founding member of the Forest Stewardship Council.

Ben has lived and worked at Prickly Nut Wood for 20 years, where he trains apprentices and runs woodland-based courses. He is most well-known, however, for his 10 year struggle to obtain planning permission to build a house in his own woods, made mainly out of materials from the woodland itself.

Ben is the author of three best selling books: *The Woodland Way*, *The Woodland House* and *The Woodland Year*. He is also the presenter of the *Roundwood Timber Framing DVD*, a film which acts as a companion to this book and records in detail one of his recent builds from beginning to end, as well visiting previous projects.