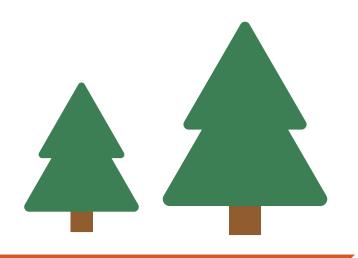


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Timber home disappears into the trees



Disguised in Larch

Feaatured on television's 'Grand Designs' Channel 4 programme in 2017, The Tree House in Dursley, rural Gloucestershire, was designed by Millar **BRITISH LARCH** Howard Workshop and AT ITS BEST owner Jon Martin to merge discretely with its landscape and cause no damage to surrounding protected trees or their root systems, and enable projected natural growth by the trees to continue unhindered. The three-storey home was constructed using Passivhaus principles. Supported by a steel structure, timber floor joists and mainly timber H-frames created the Tree House structure. The owner wished to have Britishgrown wood featuring in the building. Nicks Timber advised on and sourced relatively local British-grown Larch, and used their knowledge and experience to keep a careful eye on timber quality. Larch cladding was used on the upper storeys and internally, Larch planks were used as a wall covering, making the most of its warm appearance.

Good advice is worth its weight in gold, as the saying goes. Project costs can be difficult to control but Nicks Timber presented a variety of different options and methods to achieve the desired results as near as possible to the required cost. Good-quality Larch can be used untreated, as it was in this building, though a natural salt-based fire protectionm was used internally. Nicks Timber also advised that C24 carcassing could be used in places to maintain the 'rustic' look.

Timber sourcing

Nicks Timber has over 160 years' experience as a timber merchant and sawmiller in Gloucestershire. From engineered wood products to bespoke materials for projects and joinery, Nicks Timber sources and processes legally-harvested and sustainably-grown timbers under the Timber Trade Federation's Responsible Purchacing Policy due diligence system. From British Larch to African Sapele, Nicks Timber supports the Federation's campaign for providing customers with Timber You Can Trust.

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