



beauty & style, naturally

# A Place to Call Home



Maureen and Alan Westwood couldn't see how they would ever get the house of their dreams built on the land they owned in the West Midlands until they discovered Rural Log Cabins.

### A perfect country home

The Westwoods have owned their land for more than 30 years, running a successful smallholding business, but finding it ever more difficult to care for their animals without a home on the site. The land is designated green belt and planning permission has been difficult to obtain, with councils nervous about allowing permanent dwellings of any description on the green belt land they protect.

Fortunately for the Westwoods they contacted us here at Rural Log Cabins, one of the country's leading suppliers of timber homes. We have a great track record in not only helping people build their ideal home, but one which complies with both planning rules and building regulations.

The Westwoods wanted a modern, open-plan style home with three bedrooms and all the comforts associated with more conventional developments; all of which proved no problem for us to include in the design of their log cabin.

Although each planning application has its own requirements, in this case we were able to help the Westwoods demonstrate their need to be near their animals on a permanent basis to deliver the best possible care. Their log cabin was

designed to blend perfectly with the countryside environment to keep planners happy, whilst still being classed as a non-permanent dwelling.

### Life among the livestock

The Westwoods now have more than 500 free range poultry which provide the eggs they sell locally for their income. They also have a small flock of sheep, some ducks, horses and an assortment of cats and dogs – more like an ark than a timber home at times. Apart from the livestock they keep, their new timber home in the country has allowed the Westwoods to connect with nature like never before. They now share their world with a rich variety of birdlife, enjoying the company of woodpeckers, chaffinches, jays and goldfinches to name but a few.

### Sustainable Living

Maureen Westwood claims her new timber home is better than any previous conventional house she has lived in; "it looks great with the sun on it and in winter it's warm and cosy with a simple wood burner to warm the whole house. We use mains electricity to run the appliances.

A biogester accounts for our waste products and all the waste water is purified and returned to our duck pond. The beauty of these log cabins is that they allow you to be as 'green' as you want to be; just buying a home made from sustainable timber, automatically makes you 'greener' than most." Rural Leisure have achieved zero carbon status on their insulation package.



*A beautiful interior with all the modern luxuries.*



*Closer to nature and able to care for their extensive livestock collection.*

Husband Alan was equally enthusiastic, but for different reasons; "because all the internal floors and walls are timber they require very low maintenance and I am more than happy to hang up my paintbrush after all these years."

Although the Westwoods had to be patient throughout the planning process, they were amazed at the speed with which their new home took shape; "the build was incredible to witness, with large pieces delivered to site and the whole house being assembled like a large jigsaw puzzle. The whole process involved little fuss and the pieces appeared to fit together accurately first time, every time. The results were worth the wait for planning permission; we now have everything we ever wanted and couldn't be happier with the quality or the design of our log cabin home."

### **Bespoke Designs from the Experts**

We are one of the country's leading manufacturers of timber buildings, supplying everything from garden rooms to log cabins, bungalows and houses; from holiday homes and transportable homes to commercial buildings. Our buildings offer the convenience and appeal of wood, with

the benefit of reduced environmental impact, thanks to our use of sustainable timber from Northern European forests. Every log cabin is individually designed and made for each customer and can include a whole range of added features that benefit the environment. We offer everything from photovoltaic energy, solar targetting arrays, rain harvesting tanks and boreholes to wood burners, cookers and biogesters; in fact the list is now almost endless.

Our aim is to provide high quality log cabins, each tailored to the individual needs of the buyer. Our cabins offer an easy way to enjoy the country lifestyle and allow you to connect with nature, - reduced utility bills and be self sufficient.

To assure the quality and continuous supply of the sustainable timber we need, we purchased a 50% share of the timber production company in Latvia. It produces the log cabins to our exacting standards and is capable of producing up to 40 units per month, all made to our specifications from high grade sustainable pine. All the timber we use has been kiln dried before manufacturing begins, to deliver the quality and durability we are famous for.

Each log cabin is designed with the latest computer-aided design software which allows us to tailor designs specifically for each customer. Our manufacturing facility in Latvia uses computer driven machinery to interpret our designs and accurately produce each section of the cabin. It will fit together first time, every time when we assemble it in the UK.

If the thought of living the country lifestyle and getting away from the rush of modern life appeals as much to you as it did to Maureen and Alan, then please call us today or visit our website and see which of our designs best suits your new lifestyle.

*Remember, everything we do up to the point you place an order is free; so isn't it time you stopped dreaming about living in the country and found out how easy it might be for you to make the move?*

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*Room for both a bath and a shower cubicle.*



*Stylish interior offers modern open plan living.*



*Enjoy the outdoors on the stylish decked patio.*