

Case Study - Fresh Sawn WRC Cladding & Shingles



Westonbirt Arboretum Welcome Building, Tetbury, Gloucestershire

This single story curved timber structure was designed by Glenn Howells Architects for the Forestry Commission's National Arboretum at Westonbirt.

It's very much a timber building with wood for the frame, joinery, internal & external finishes.

The architects specified Western Red Cedar as the timber species for the external finishes, so we were able to source homegrown (Grown in Britain) WRC for the cladding, and certified PEFC WRC from France for the roof.

On the roof are Western Red Cedar bias cut shingles which offer an improved durability and quality on a typical sawn shingle without the irregularity of hand riven shakes. Having seen images from Barry at BCB roofing we can confirm the huge curved wooden roof is looking beautiful.

For the cladding the walls, a deep, chamfered, rainscreen strip section was chosen, fitted by Speller Metcalfe carpenters, with shadow gaps in modular panels. We were especially excited to be able to supply homegrown (Grown in Britain) western red Cedar for the cladding here and we can't wait visit to see the results!

Architects: Glenn Howells Architects

Client: Forestry Commission

Main Contractor; Speller Metcalfe

Roofing Contractor: BCB Roofing

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