

Where can I buy local timber?

To obtain locally grown wood for your timber frame house construction, or indeed for any other purpose e.g. fencing, it is not simply a matter of contacting your local builders merchant or timber merchant. Very few builders merchants or timber merchants in the South East stock locally grown timber although a small percentage are willing to source locally grown timber if you specifically ask for it.

The best option is to go directly to a sawmill in your area which processes locally grown timber. Most of the known sawmills throughout the South East have been contacted to establish which ones are able to source locally grown timber. Local sawmills can be stationary or mobile and can provide a range of services from cutting your own timber to complete timber frame construction using local timber. See 'Where to buy materials?'

Additionally, sawmills who could potentially fulfil the locally sourced timber requirement for a timber frame construction can be found at 'Who can supply timber frames?'

Alternatively you could contact a framing company who could manufacture an entire frame to your specification. See 'Who can erect the timber frame?' for contact details.

Remember to leave enough lead time for purchasing local timber and products; the timber is only harvested when the birds are not nesting and the ground is hard enough to ensure minimal damage. Specific timber you require may need to be air dried or stored for periods of time depending on your specification.