

Clifford Jones Timber Group

Company Profile

Clifford Jones Timber Group (CJ Timber) is the UK's largest manufacturer of timber fence posts. Established in 1948, CJ Timber is a Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified company based at its eco-friendly 13 acre headquarters site in Ruthin, North Wales. They provide their customers with innovative, high quality timber products sourced from local sustainable forests, for an increasingly wide range of end uses. These include fence posts, laminated timber for the construction and leisure industries, bedding for horses, cat litter, and a range of wood fuels - from dried logs and wood briquettes to wood pellets for biomass boilers.



With over 100,000 tons of timber processed on the Ruthin site every year, the company 'green' ethos is to use every piece of timber that comes through their gates. Their commitment to sustainability has led to the development of its new TimberSol range of wooden frames for solar panel installations that benefit from a lower carbon footprint, compared to the conventional steel frame.

Collaborating with BEACON

CJ Timber has been collaborating with the BioComposites Centre at Bangor University for several years. Recently the company have been involved in a number of diverse collaborations with the BEACON initiative. Projects range from the de-watering of wood chips to investigating volatile aroma compounds in coniferous saw mills, with the aim to maximise the value in their current waste streams.

The R&D projects are led by BEACON scientist Dr Dave Preskett at the unique pilot-scale facilities at Mona, Anglesey. CJ Timber contribute to the projects in terms of biomass material and market knowledge. BEACON has assisted the company in sourcing an innovative, durable and environmentally friendly coating product which protects timber from rotting. As a result, the company have invested in equipment to apply the coating technology to their products leading to new market opportunities.

“*BEACON has been an invaluable resource to our company. At Clifford Jones Timber we always try to be imaginative and diverse whilst adding value to our product range and processes. Without BEACON's scientific knowledge and research facilities we would not have been able to explore such wide-ranging and innovative concepts.*”

**Alan Jones, Chairman of
Clifford Jones Timber**

CJ Timber continues to diversify and expand into new markets with the opening of the first laminating plant in Wales. In testimony to their innovative product development, the firm recently won the Welsh Government sponsored “Growth through Innovation” title at the Daily Post Achievement Wales Business Awards.

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