



when we live here. We have already replaced the septic tank with a Klargester sewage system which emits only aerated water."

"This is their ideal house and the plan is that once their large family have grown up and left home this will be the house they retire to. In the meantime Roger is confident that he will not have any more urgent calls for help from tenants."

"This is the first house we have built," says Madeleen, "but we are so impressed both with the quality of the building and the skills of the Lithuanian workmen that we are interested in helping other people to build houses like this and are setting up a company with Tony Woodcraft and our two oldest boys, Joe and Alexander. I believe importing houses from Lithuania could become very popular."

**TOP AND MAIN PICTURE** The new house has precisely the same footprint as the old one – but what a difference! **ABOVE** The new two bedroomed cottage is a sturdy little log cabin. **RIGHT** The old house.



#### TIMELINE

Early 2005: Planning passed  
Nov 2005: Foundations started  
Feb 2006: Foundations finished  
Feb 2006: House and cottage delivered  
Feb 2007: House and cottage finished

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#### COSTINGS

Roger and Madeleen already owned the site. Both houses together cost £450,000 to supply, assemble and finish.

The large house is 3,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and cost about £337,500. The cottage is 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and cost £112,500

The large house alone is now valued in excess of £800,000

The house and cottage should have cost about £80-85/ft<sup>2</sup> but the cost went up to £90-95/ft<sup>2</sup> because of the depth of the foundations.

#### WHY WOOD?

- Wood from sustainable sources is renewable.
- European forests are steadily expanding. Only about 65% of the annual growth is harvested.
- Wood has the lowest energy consumption and the lowest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of any commonly used building material.
- A 10% increase in timber houses annually in Europe would result in a significant reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions helping to reduce climate change.
- Wood's thermal insulation properties mean timber frame houses use less energy to heat.
- Wood is completely recyclable.