

HEDGEROW CARPENTRY

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Richard Goodrick aims to make useful and imaginative products from wood in the most eco-friendly ways possible, that is, to generate income through 'making' in a sustainable, resourceful and non-polluting manner.

This is achieved by:

- Using renewable materials
- Buying local wood and coppicing hazel and willow locally. A *coppice* refers to (suitable) young trees grown for periodic cutting/harvesting. The process stimulates the regeneration of shoots.
- Working in semi-traditional ways which are inherently sustainable
- Using naturally fallen timber and commercial offcuts which are usually discarded
- Using on site green electricity via the hydroelectric generating system at the National Works, Llanbedr.

In terms of products, Richard is primarily a builder of yurts. These, historically, are circular tents of felt or skins on a collapsible framework, traditionally built and used by the nomadic peoples of Mongolia, Siberia and Turkey. In this modern interpretation, the dome-shaped frame is made of coppiced green wood fixed by couplings made from quality offcut wood and tented in a durable fabric more suited to the British climate.

Dr Goodrick is a partner and ecological advisor with the Ecolodge Project also featured in this directory.

Status of work/project: Private business/sole trader

Area: Snowdonia/Gwynedd