



CONNECTING WITH NATURE, INSIDE

At Living Oak, a Cobham based company specialising in the design and installation of oak frame buildings, they have a different ethos for their oak frame designs. Their take is 'less is more', which you might think is a bit unusual, but they aren't looking to overwhelm your new space with oak, which can sometimes make the space feel closed in or smaller than it actually is. By combining oak frame, traditional building techniques, and other sympathetic materials, their designs will balance dramatic space with comfortable living. Oak is a naturally tactile product and the grain encourages you to touch it and connect with nature, giving you the feeling that you've brought the outdoors, inside. Living Oak will help you create a space which is inviting and encourages you and your family to become immersed within in.

Living Oak can be as involved in your project as much or as little as you need – by managing your whole project from initial design through to handing you the keys at the end, or alternatively, if your life's dream has been to build your own oak framed home, Living Oak will just supply the frame and glazing, so you can immerse yourself in all the other parts of the project yourself.

Living Oak frames are all bespoke and made to order, if you have a Grade II listed home and envisage an extension which is a complete contrast to the existing building, or you would like to gain more living space in your oak framed home or want to double the size of your 16th century cottage, Living Oak can help you achieve your dream. Their design team will listen to you, so you achieve what you want, they will guide and advise you, but the final decision will be yours because it is your home.

Stuart MacArthur, owner of Living Oak

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commented, “There is something incredibly tactile and energising about the beautiful grain in a piece of oak. There is also something special about having large oak posts and beams forming the super structure of a kitchen extension or family room and that the structure has grown from a single acorn. ■

To find out how Living Oak could help you incorporate an oak frame into your home, or to get design inspiration from their other projects, visit livingoak.co.uk, or call 01932 590111.

