

The Woodman's Hut



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The Woodman's hut is a two person eco-retreat built from locally sourced pine, and forms part of the Lazy Duck campsite and hostel complex in Nethy Bridge.

It is a wonderful example of how imagination and innovation can be brought to what is a relatively simple hut in the woods.

Use of locally available / sourced materials

The hut was hand crafted, and most of the timber for the fitted furniture, window sills and casements is from a 260 year old Caledonian pine tree. This was growing on the site until it had to be taken down due to snow damage. The pine was felled and milled on site, with further cutting and treatment of the timber taking place at Forest Lodge Sawmill.

Use of local people in the design and construction of the development

The hut was designed by the owners David and Valery Dean, with input from their family, and most of the construction was carried out by Rob Clarke and Dave Robson of Grantown-on-Spey during 2011.

Environmental credentials

The hut is off-grid. It is built of timber, and sits on 12 inch pile foundations. It has a composting toilet, a wood fuel stove for heating which uses thinnings from the woodland on site, uses rainwater collected in whisky barrels for all water



Location

Lazy Duck hostel and campsite, Nethy Bridge

Builders and Co-designers

Rob Clarke and Dave Robson

Owners and Co-designers

David and Valery Dean

Budget

£10,000

Awards

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needs bar drinking water; has an outdoor shower and lighting is provided by candles and a 12 volt LED system, whose batteries are recharged using solar power.

Working with the special qualities of the Cairngorms National Park

The woodman's hut stands on the line of the old Woodman's path constructed by Germans prisoners of war during the first world, and was used to help in the abstraction of timber from the surrounding forest.



Affordability

Coming in at under £10,000, the construction costs of the hut are likely to be recouped within two years and the current cost of around £60 per night is said by the visitors to the hut as being very reasonably priced.



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If you'd like to find out more about this project email David and Valery Dean at: lazyduckhostel@gmail.com