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Modular & Timber Construction Specialist

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Profile

Highly skilled and adaptable construction professional with extensive experience in modular timber structures, precision off-site fabrication, and rural/period-style building projects. Director of JBR Buildings, with a strong track record of delivering high-quality, custom builds for residential and commercial clients across the South West. Now seeking to bring this expertise into the film and TV industry — particularly in the construction of temporary sets, timber props, and on-location infrastructure.

Key Skills

- Timber frame & modular construction
- Prefabricated set builds
- On-site carpentry support
- Workshop-to-site coordination
- Period-style/rural timber detailing
- 3D modelling (ArchiCAD, FrameWright)
- Project management & site logistics
- Farm & equestrian structure expertise

Professional Experience

Director – JBR Buildings Ltd

Devon | 2019 – Present

Founded and manage a modular construction company specialising in high-precision timber structures.

- Design and fabricate timber builds in-house, delivering to tight deadlines
- Lead 3D modelling, scheduling, material procurement, and on-site assembly
- Built a reputation for craftsmanship, reliability, and adaptability
- Now exploring opportunities to support set departments, art teams, and location crews

Draughtsman & Oak Frame Erector – Wedgewood Buildings

UK-wide | 2018 – 2019

Produced detailed workshop drawings and 3D models for bespoke oak-framed buildings, followed by on-site assembly and finishing across the UK.

- Designed traditional oak frames and complex timber components using CAD
- Led or assisted with frame raising and installation on live construction sites
- Worked to high aesthetic and structural standards suited to period-style and rural architecture
- Collaborated with clients and architects to adapt builds to unique site conditions

Farm Worker & Maintenance Hand – Arable Farm, NSW, Australia

2017 – 2018

Carried out general maintenance, fencing, repairs, welding, and field infrastructure upgrades on a large arable farm while travelling.

- Gained experience in remote, self-managed working environments
- Developed practical bush carpentry and adaptive problem-solving skills

Customer Care Quantity Surveyor – Bovis Homes

South West | 2016 – 2017

Managed materials, budgets, and remedial works for 16 active sites and 1500+ completed homes.

- Supported maintenance team logistics
- Carried out quality inspections and post-build defect analysis

Design Engineer – Mole Valley Farmers

South West | 2013 – 2016

Designed agricultural buildings on CAD, oversaw fabrication, and coordinated on-site delivery.

- Specialised in bespoke steel/timber buildings for farms and rural use
- Balanced client needs with cost, time, and design constraints

Equestrian Course Builder – Jump One

UK & International | 2012 – 2013

Fabricated and installed timber jumps and cross-country elements for equestrian events.

- Operated diggers and dumpers on rural terrain
- Exported modular builds internationally
- Frequently worked 12-hour shifts under tight deadlines

Software & Tools

- ArchiCAD + FrameWright
- Microsoft Office Suite
- TurboCAD, ProDesktop

- Hand/power tools, workshop machinery
- Digger/Dumper operator (non-ticketed)

Special Interests

Timber-based film set builds

Modular structures for locations

Period-style and rural scenery

Temporary production infrastructure (green rooms, offices, barns, stables)

Education

Petroc College, Tiverton – AS Levels in ICT and Business

South Molton Community College – 10 GCSEs incl. Engineering (Double A), Business (Double A), and Maths (A)

References

Available on request.