

Product Info

Boules

Our woodyard team keeps busy for 9 months of the year sticking fresh sawn logs to make boules of through and through sawn waney edged boards, stocks of which vary from year to year in the natural course of good wood husbandry.

Well-seasoned boules can be selected for kilning if the woodshed permits or demands it. In the buying season Tom is out selecting beautiful new logs for sawing. He keeps us in all the most commonly grown tree species but he also seeks out the unusual, unique and more rare species plus the large dimension logs that will sustain big thickness, big widths and big lengths. The result is a well-stocked woodyard to serve our joinery, furniture and cabinetmaking customers.



Our boules are from carefully selected logs that are cut every autumn, winter and spring* by the best sawyer in the country (he really is!), then sticked, measured, graded, tagged & stacked in boule form to air dry in the open (for a year per inch!) until thoroughly seasoned. This is the complete log, traditionally sawn 'through & through' so it contains crown boards (great for wide figure) and quarter sawn boards (straight grained and stable) in the same boule.

What is a Boule anyway?

Well, 'Making the Grade' says a boule is "A stack of timber formed from a log that is sawn longitudinally by a series of successive parallel cuts with the resultant waney-edged pieces then assembled to recreate the original form of the log" . Hmm, they're not wrong but whilst that statement is quite true it really doesn't capture the romance and soul of traditional sawmilling, boule sticking and artisan wood drying associated with producing our beautiful, flat, well seasoned, stable, unstressed boards of waney edge timber... but we'll let them have that one anyway shall we? Thank you 'Making the Grade'!

What can you use them for?

Let's see, because it's seasoned and stored outdoors, air dried boule is appropriate to use for exterior joinery, decking, exterior furniture, cladding projects and sometimes even structural work. After kilning to bring down the moisture content to a level good for internal use the boules are perfect for furniture, kitchen making, cabinet making, interior joinery and flooring. With timber it's all about what it's going to be used for and selecting the appropriate timber for the job. Hopefully, we've got that covered.

Why use boule?

If quality and board stability are important to you, if selecting your own timber, matching grain and colour, having a wide range of available dimensions, utilising all of a board for economic use, knowing where your wood comes from, having stock on hand, supporting the British forestry & timber industry, knowing that your work is unique... we could go on, but if all these things are important to you, then boule may be the right source of timber for you.



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What are 'Provenance & Certification'?

We hold chain of custody certificates so that we can source and supply FSC and PEFC timber. We are also taking part in draft certification of the new Grown in Britain licensing for all British woodland owners, woodfolk, sawmillers & wood users at all stages of the chain to be able to certify all well managed, homegrown timber. We're very excited! Part of the reason this is possible is that we always record the source of a log, even down to the individual forest, so information on provenance is always available to our customers and we're working to make that information available to everyone.

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Species

Ash, Beech, Chestnut, Cedar of Lebanon, Douglas Fir, Elm, Larch, Lime, Oak, Plane, Scots Pine, Sycamore, Sequoia, Walnut, Yew & more. Our online stock has all current species www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/stocklist-coming-soon/ or call us **01730 816941**

Sizes

Boules are usually cut from 20mm up to 120mm thicknesses, widths go up to 1100mm or more and lengths up to 8.5m.

Check the stock for more in depth detail www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/stocklist-coming-soon

Grades

Find out more about grading in **Making the Grade**, a great reference for grading homegrown species.

Download a copy from our website www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Making-the-Grade.pdf

Price

All our prices are on the website www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/stocklist-coming-soon/ (starting at £22.65/ft³ or £800/m³ for Ash!) but if you'd rather have a print copy do feel free to call us **01730 816941** and we'll send you one in the post.

WHAT NEXT?

If you are interested in knowing more, seeing or buying boules for woodworking then get in touch 01730 816941 sales@englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk or you're welcome to come and visit.

**but not Summer, it's a bit of a harsh environment (v.low humidity & direct sunlight) to lay down newly sawn logs with saturated moisture content, the timber get's put under stress, giving off moisture too fast... not our idea of quality seasoning for quality boule*

