



The UK's leading chestnut
fencing manufacturer





Torry Hill Chestnut Fencing produces a range of high-quality fully FSC® certified sweet chestnut fencing, posts, panels and gates.

We work exclusively with sweet chestnut timber from English coppice woodland. We undertake the entire production process ourselves from coppice management and felling the trees, to processing the timber and making the final products at our solar-powered factory in the Kent Downs National Landscape. Our production uses traditional techniques as part of a modern manufacturing process, meaning that we produce handcrafted products at an industrial scale.

We supply wholesale customers nationwide and internationally, working closely with trusted shippers to export all over the world.





All our products are made from fully FSC® certified, English-grown sweet chestnut. Our timber is never treated.



Sustainability is fundamental to everything we do.

The naturally occurring tannins in sweet chestnut make it highly resistant to rot, allowing us to use untreated timber. This is unlike the softwood used for equivalent purposes which requires energy-intensive chemical treatments.

Most of our timber comes from 1200 acres of our own chestnut coppice in the Kent Downs which has been managed by our family for nearly two centuries.

Coppicing is an ancient method of woodland management that involves a repeating cycle of cutting trees down to the stump and allowing them to regrow. The process supports diverse and complex woodland habitats and is enormously beneficial for the trees themselves, which are reinvigorated by cutting and can live for many hundreds of years. We have monitored our own chestnut woods for nearly 30 years and the records show flourishing populations of songbirds, slow worms and lizards, dormice and moths. Most spectacular are the expanses of bluebells that come back to life the spring after a block of chestnut has been felled.

Our industrial manufacturing process incorporates and preserves rural craft and forestry traditions, while serving the needs of 21st century customers. Our production includes a number of processes done by hand, most notably traditional pale-making. This is the skilled art of cleaving a chestnut pole along the grain using a wooden mallet and a dole axe. No machine can replicate the work of a talented pale maker.

Our long-lasting and attractive products are suitable for homes and businesses, for permanent and temporary use. In addition to our core range, we also produce special products to commission.



Pale Fencing

Our traditional pale fencing is made from stout hand-split chestnut pales bound together with galvanised wire. Strong, durable, quick to erect and difficult to climb, this versatile fencing will stand for years or can be easily moved or taken down and stored.

- Standard rolls made to 5 or 10 metres lengths
- Standard heights (m): 0.5; 0.75; 0.9; 1; 1.2; 1.5; 1.8
- Made with either 2 or 3 wires
- Pales can be spaced according to requirement
- Made to BS Standard 1722 Part 4





Post & Rail

This strong and elegant fencing is made from cleft sweet chestnut rails that are finished by hand to fit into substantial 2 metre half-round morticed posts. Also known as Sussex Rail, it is ideal for paddocks, gardens and parkland and can last 30-40 years or more depending on conditions. As sweet chestnut is non-toxic for horses it can be used safely for equestrian purposes. Low-level knee rail fencing works well for defining outdoor areas and marking paths.

- Posts are 2m high
- Rails are either 2m or 2.9m long
- Can be made to take 2 or 3 rails
- Can be supplied with bark on or off
- Corner, angle and end posts available
- Made to custom dimensions on request





Chestnut Posts

The natural tannins in sweet chestnut mean our posts last well in the ground, even though untreated. We produce a full range of chestnut posts and stakes, from small planting stakes to strainers and gate posts, as well as fencing posts designed for post and wire fencing. Substantial posts are robust enough to be used as bollards.

- Top diameters from 5-35cm
- Up to 3.6 metres long
- Can be made to custom lengths if required
- With points or blank
- With bark on or off
- As full rounds or cleft posts
- Fulfil requirements for FG1 and FG2 grant options





Other Products



Gates

Our chestnut picket gates are infilled with specially selected half round pales. The uprights and braces can either be sawn and nailed, or morticed.

Designed to complement our pale fencing, they also work well with post & rail.

Panels & Sheep Hurdles

Both our woven fence panels and our traditional sheep hurdles are effective barrier fences or can be used for ornamental purposes.

Woven chestnut panels are designed as a long-lasting alternative to larch lap panel fences, and knee-high versions are very popular with gardeners for edging paths or raised beds.

Tree Guards & Boxes

Chestnut tree guards and boxes are a long-lasting option to protect trees from livestock and other animals.

They are ideal for parkland settings, areas of natural beauty and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.





Special Projects

The team at Torry Hill Chestnut Fencing enjoys creating bespoke or special projects. We have considerable experience of working with customers and designers to develop the products they require. Please contact us to discuss your project.



Grown & Made in Britain
Naturally Long-Lasting
Supporting Sustainable Forestry

Our woods are fully FSC® Chain of Custody certified, the global standard in sustainable wood sourcing. All our products can be sold as FSC® certified upon request.

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