

## A themed restaurant to create a distinctive presence at Treasure Park, a leading Cornish tourist attraction.

### The Client

Treasure Park near Redruth, Cornwall is a £2m scheme to relaunch this former tin mine as a major showcase opportunity for the South West's most talented artists and entrepreneurs. When complete, visitor numbers are expected to double to half a million over the next two years.

### The Brief

The owners of Treasure Park commissioned a new building which would link to the Gold Showhall the home of Cornish Goldsmith's jewellery experience. The new building would house the 'Red Carpet' a Hollywood themed restaurant and Hall of Fame.

Because of the historic mining setting an environmentally friendly timber framed building that would blend in with its surroundings was preferred for the new restaurant. This style also offered the potential for a dynamic form, short build cycle and modular build which would allow easy future modification or expansion.

Pinelog was selected for the project as the owners had seen and admired one of their award winning buildings on Jersey. Speed was of the essence to be operational for the main summer season so Pinelog's architects were given

the demanding task of drawing up the design and getting it submitted for planning permission within just a few weeks.

### The Specification

The new building is entirely open plan, its single storey form being derived from its main structural elements, which are arches constructed from glulam laminated and glued timber. Internally, this gives a vaulted roof style.

The split log and plasterboard internal walls are durable and combined with the vaulted roof provide a light, warm and inviting feel. Careful consideration was given to the internal lighting to create a relaxing environment throughout. Extensive glazing allows maximum daylighting, the double glazed windows contributing to insulation standards in excess of current building regulations.



Highly insulated, the frame is clad in redwood with Cornish stone columns which together with the slate roof gives a rustic character to the building. The aluminium framed building to which it is linked will follow this style when renovated in the future.

Timber is ideal for structures such as this. Ecologically sound, it has excellent thermal properties. Not only is partial off-site manufacture and finishing possible, speeding up the construction process, but the relative lightness of timber means that less extensive foundations are necessary.

### Client Benefits

Feedback from the client has been very positive. Property Manager Syd Lafferty says: "The building feels very spacious and has a lovely warm ambience. The pale timber and painted interior picks out the full size models of the movie stars perfectly and contrasts with the red carpet which draws visitors into the informal cafe area. It has brought many favourable comments from our visitors."

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Location: Near Redruth, Cornwall



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