

## **THE PROBLEM WITH ROOF-WINDOWS**

My parents bought a cottage near Kutná Hora eight years ago. The cottage was quite old and they wanted to repair it. At first they wanted to repair the roof and at the same time they wanted to place roof-windows in the roof.

Whenever you are making some changes in your house you have to prepare a project and send it to the building office. The building office reviews your project and gives a piece of information about your planned reconstruction to your neighbours. If they find out that everything is all right and the neighbours have no objections you receive a building permit and you can begin with the reconstruction.

But our neighbour did not want us to have roof-windows on our roof. She was afraid that we could look on her garden. But she seldom visits her house – perhaps five times in a year. She gave some objections to the building office, therefore we have no roof-windows now.

But still the old roof needed repairing. The slater company came and needed to enter her piece of land. The manager of the slater company phoned her but he did not catch her. There was little time and slaters needed to get on the roof and therefore they entered her lot. Another lady living opposite her house let her know about it. Our neighbour was angry and did not hesitate to call the police to the slaters. .

Our relationship is bad now. We are not in contact.