

## Why build Dry Stone Walls?

Dry stone walls are a practical form of boundary, as are fences, but they are considerably more time consuming and costly to build. However, they do have many advantages:

- They provide vital shade and bad weather protection for livestock, especially in upland areas where trees and bushes are scarce.
- They provide a windbreak for crops.
- They are repairable - cannot rust away or be destroyed by fire.
- They can be built where fences are impossible to construct, i.e. up very steep slopes, over bedrock and over swampland.
- They use local materials and need very few tools or equipment to build.
- They are extremely durable and require little maintenance.
- They are an enhancement to the landscape and part of the heritage in many areas.

**The Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain**  
**[www.dswa.org.uk](http://www.dswa.org.uk)**

The DSWA-GB is a national organisation which works to raise the standard of Craftsmanship and to promote the understanding of the craft. The association ensures that standards are maintained and offers a nationally recognised Craftsman Certification Scheme, accredited by the QCA and LANTRA, to assess skills in dry stone walling and are operated by trained instructors and examiners.

New members of all skill levels are always welcome. Please contact the secretary for further information:

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## Trawden & District Agricultural Society

In association with

The Mid-Lancs Branch  
of the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain

## 2011 Dry Stone Walling Competition

Trawden & District  
Sunday 14th August 2011

At the Recreation Ground, Trawden, Colne, Lancs.  
As part of the annual Trawden Agricultural Show



Contact: 01282 412588  
or 01282 423122

## Programme

Assemble (please report to secretary on arrival)	8.30am
Draw for stints:	Beginner 8.45am
	Amateur 8.50am
	Professional 8.55am
Start of competition	9.00am
Lunch Break (30 mins)	12.30pm
Wall to be completed by	4.00pm

Presentation of awards at approximately 4.30pm

## Classes

This competition will be in 3 sections in accordance with the rules as published on the entry form.

- Professional Singles 2m
- Amateur Singles 2m
- Beginners Singles 1.5m

*Please make sure that you enter the **correct class**.*

**Entry fee for each class is £5.00**

Entries must be made in advance. Closing date is Wednesday 10th August 2011.

A returnable trophy will be awarded to the winner of each section and there will also be a trophy for 'Best Lady Waller'.

Prize money will be awarded as follows:

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Professional Singles</b>	£80	£60	£50
<b>Amateur Singles</b>	£60	£50	£40
<b>Beginners Singles</b>	£20	£15	£10

*Prizes will be awarded - dependant on the numbers of competitors - at the discretion of the organisers.*

Prize money donated by the Trawden & District Agricultural Society

## Judges

DSWA-GB Master Craftsmen & Certified Instructors  
Judges to be announced.

## General Rules

1. The wall is to be 4'6" high, including the 9" high copes. 26" wide at the base above the foundation stones & 13" wide under the coping stones.
2. The walling must be the competitors own work. Stone must be used from the competitors stint only. Some extra stone may be provided at the stewards discretion.
3. All competitors must have some knowledge of walling.
4. Competitors are expected to provide their own frames, mattock or pick, spade, walling hammer and safety equipment.
5. All stints not finished by 4.00pm are to be completed with the help of all competitors.
6. The decision of the judges, stewards and organisers will be final.

## Directions to Trawden & District Agricultural Show

The show ground is well signposted along the major routes. Please follow the directions. Car parking is free.

- Trawden is just over 1 mile from Colne, off the Keighley Road between Colne and Laneshawbridge.
- Turn into Cotton Tree Lane (on the right when leaving Colne towards Keighley, on the left when approaching Colne from Keighley)
- About a mile after turning into Cotton Tree Lane turn sharp left into Keighley Road (just after Black Carr Mill and just before The Trawden Arms)
- The Trawden Show is held on the recreation ground, high above the village.

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## Entry Form

### Trawden Agricultural Show Dry Stone Walling Competition 2011

Class	Professional	Amateur	Beginner

*Please tick which class you wish to enter.*

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone..... Branch.....

I agree to abide by the rules as stated in this leaflet and the decisions taken by the judges.

Signed..... Date.....

All entries must be made in advance. No entries will be accepted after the closing date or on the show day.

Entry fee £5. Cheques to be made payable to Mid-Lancs Branch DSWA-GB

Please return entry forms and entry fees to:

Steven Smith, 7 West Street, Cliviger, Burnley BB10 4TG.

Tel: 01282 412685

**PLEASE NOTE: Entry to the show will be by wristband. Anyone found without a wristband will be asked to either pay the entry fee (then receive a wristband) or they will be asked to leave the show.**

*This rule will be strictly enforced by the show organisers.*

## Rules

### All Competitors

- Will build their own walls in the local style and the to dimensions as stated on the day, with tie in to the left.
- Must observe legislation within the Health & Safety at Work Act - work safely and with due consideration of other competitors, stewards, judges and spectators at all times.
- Strong boots must be worn by all competitors.
- Safety glasses must be worn when breaking or dressing stones. All dressing of stone must be done so that other competitors etc are not in danger from flying chippings.
- Gloves are recommended - Lancashire's gritstone has a high amount of quartz crystal inclusion.
- All competitors will render assistance to each other to lift and move more heavy or bulky stones - Lancashire's gritstone is very dense and sometimes has a very big bed.
- Competitors must use the stone from their own stint - extra stone may be provided at the discretion of the steward.
- All competitors must complete their allotted stint within the time allowed and tidy all waste material to qualify for a prize.
- Excessive use of the hammer, breaking through of stones or copes, trace walling and unsafe working will be penalised.
- The organisers reserve the right to consolidate classes, vary the prize money, award extra or special prizes etc and to make any change or amendment seen to be required if the need arises.
- The decisions of the competition committee and judges are final.
- All trophies remain the property of the Branch. It is the responsibility of the recipient to whom it has been loaned to return the trophy in good condition before the date of the next competition.

### Beginners Class

- Beginners must have some experience of the basic principles of walling. Attendance on a recognised training course held by DSWA-GB, AITB, C&GLI, Government training scheme, BCTV or other environmental agency is considered acceptable.
- Beginners can ask for and receive guidance at any point from a steward or judge.
- Entrants are expected to provide their own equipment - hammer, frames, stringlines & pins, bucket & spade, sun hat, sun cream/block, picnic lunch. There is a small pool of equipment which can be loaned to competitors by prior arrangement with the Branch secretary.
- Any person who has won two or more first places in a dry stone walling competition must compete in the amateur class.

### Amateur Class

- Amateur class entrants must provide their own equipment - frames, string lines, bucket, shovel, mattock, rule etc.
- Entrants must work unaided by fellow competitors, stewards, judges, family or spectators. Assistance to move/lift heavy stones must be given by fellow competitors or stewards.
- Amateurs must not wall full time and must not earn more than 2/7ths of their income through walling. If you wall on a contract of more than 3 days a week, you are deemed to be a professional and must enter the professional class.

### Professional Class

- Professionals must provide their own equipment - frames, string lines, bucket, shovel, rule etc.
- Entrants must work unaided by fellow competitors, stewards, judges, family or spectators. Assistance to move/lift heavy stones must be given by fellow competitors or stewards.
- Holders of the DSWA-GB Advanced Craftsman Certification are deemed to be capable of walling to the standards and work rate of the professional class. Holders are deemed to be professional wallers and must enter the professional class.

## Judging

- Each class of the completion will be assessed and marked according to the scheme on the scoresheet by 2 judges working together. A pair of judges may assess more than 1 class of the competition.
- The total marks section of the scoresheet will be calculated by an officer of the Branch appointed for that purpose.
- The final placing of each competitor in each class will be calculated by the appointed Branch officer.
- The awarding of place certificates and prize monies will be by a suitable dignitary appointed by the Branch after the stewards are satisfied that all walls have been completed and the site has been left in a tidy and safe state.