

Courses and Practice Meets/Days: Everyone, regardless of age or ability, is welcome on the events in this leaflet. On a beginners' course you would expect to learn the basic principles of building in dry stone and to complete a short section of wall.

Branches also run practice meets for members where you will find an event leader and a group of people with different levels of expertise alongside whom you can work and gain knowledge as you go.

What you need:

Waterproof clothing, stout footwear (ideally with steel toecaps) and work gloves are essential. You will also need warm clothing and a hat in winter and it is sensible to bring a hat, sunblock and plenty of drinking water in hot weather. A personal first aid kit including wipes and plasters is useful. Protective safety glasses or goggles (available from DSWA) are important on sites where walling hammers are employed.

You should bring your own packed lunch and drinks.

Equipment for the course will normally be provided for participants. If you want to bring some of your own tools, it is recommended that you are able to identify them in some way.

- A walling hammer (available from DSWA) (NB not necessary at some events);
- A strong bucket for your "hearting" stones;
- A retractable steel tape measure;
- A mattock, spade and/or shovel.

Insurance

Courses run by DSWA branches have public liability insurance in respect of injury to third party persons/property. DSWA is not responsible for loss or damage to personal items as a result of dry stone walling activities. Course participants should arrange their own personal injury insurance if they feel this is relevant.

Skills Certification Opportunities exist to gain an accredited qualification in dry stone walling. Full details can be found in the Craftsman Certification Scheme booklet, available from the office or downloadable from the website.

General Information

The Dry Stone Walling Association was founded in 1968 to promote the craft and provide opportunities for the public to acquire knowledge of the craft, which has seen a revival in recent years. There is also an increase in those learning for their own interest. DSWA offers a mail order service for a variety of leaflets books and tools. Full details available on the website, www.dswa.org.uk

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2018 BEGINNER TRAINING COURSES



This leaflet is produced by the Association to help those interested in learning or furthering skills in the craft of dry stone walling and dyking.

DRY STONE WALLING BEGINNER TRAINING COURSES 2018

If specific dates are not shown below please contact the individual local branches for further details

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

28-29 April Beginners' course, Cambo, Fife
28-29 July Beginners' course, Blackruthven, By Perth
29-30 Sept Beginners' course Cambo, Fife
13-14 Oct Beginners' course Cherry Tree Lodge
20-21 Oct Beginners' course & Members' practice, Ceres
Contact: Stewart Hutt
Email: contact@csdswa.org.uk

CHESHIRE

19-20 May Beginners' course, Werneth Low C/Park
22-23 Sept Beginners' course, Werneth Low C/Park
Contact: Jack Taylor Tel: 07415 107120
Email: dswacheshire@gmail.com

COTSWOLD

Contact: Chris Ingles Tel: 01789 721618
Email: ingleschris@gmail.com

CUMBRIA

17-18 March Beginners' course, Crooklands
12-13 May Beginners' course, Crooklands
22-23 Sept Beginners' course, Crooklands
13-14 Oct Beginners' course, Crooklands.
Contact: Sid Brighton Tel: 01229 776813
Email: sidbrighton@btinternet.com

DERBYSHIRE

Contact: Alan Malia Tel: 07974 508223
Email: beginners2018@derbyshire-dswa.org.uk

DORSET

21-22 April Beginners' course, Spyway Barn
30 June/1 July Beginners' course, Weymouth area
29-30 Sept Beginners' course Weymouth area
Contact: Peter Curtis Tel: 07748 982316
Email: dorsetdswa@gmail.com

ISLE OF SKYE

Contact: Hector Nicolson
Tel: 01478 650322

LANCASHIRE

17-18 March Beginners' course, Harrop Edge, Dobcross
21-22 April Beginners' course, Harrop Edge, Dobcross
28-29 July Beginners' course, Harrop Edge, Dobcross
18-19 Aug Beginners' course, Gorse Hall, Stalybridge
20 - 21 Oct Beginners' course, Harrop Edge, Dobcross
Contact: Paul Clayton Tel: 07733 103500
Email: lancashire.dswa@btinternet.com

MID LANCs

21-22 April Training course, Hollins Grove Farm, Briercliffe
30 June/1 July Training course, Holden Hall Farm, Haslingden
8-9 Sept Training course, Hollins Grove Farm, Briercliffe
Contact: Neil Kerr Tel: 01925 721288
Email: midlancsdswa@gmail.com

NORTH OF SCOTLAND

DSWA has no branch in Caithness/Sutherland. Occasional courses can be arranged by contacting Dave Goulder Monument Wood, Rosehall by Lairg, IV27 4BD, Tel: 01549 441283

NORTHUMBRIA

Contact: Susanne Miller Tel: 01670 351556
Email: susannekalm@live.co.uk

OTLEY & YORKSHIRE DALES

26-27 May Training weekend, Otley Chevin
16-17 June Training weekend, Preston Park, Stockton-on-Tees
23-24 June Training weekend, Otley Chevin
4-5 Aug Training weekend, Bellerby Leyburn
29-30 Sept Training weekend, Otley Chevin
13-14 Oct Training weekend, Bellerby, Leyburn
20 Oct Certification Day, Otley Chevin
Contact: Brian Hartley Tel: 0113 2843579
Email: brian_hartley@btinternet.com

PENNINE

12-13 May Training course, Watergrove, nr. Rochdale
18-19 Aug Training course, Watergrove, nr. Rochdale
Contact: Peter Walker Tel: 01706 818353
Email: petestonewinter@gmail.com

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND

Contact: Dave Taylor Tel: 0131 447 6713
Email: drystanedave@tiscali.co.uk

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

24-25 March Beginners' course, Nailsea
21-22 April Beginners' course, Mendip
19-20 May Beginners' course, Ham Hill
16-17 June Beginners' course, Marshfield
7-8 July Beginners' course, Nailsea
8-9 Sept Beginners' course, Mendips
Contact: Kevin Toal Tel: 07736 419685
Email: courses@swedswa.org.uk

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

Contact: Linda Wilson, Tel: 07590 816845
Email: pcos29@yahoo.co.uk

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

7-8 April Training course
12-13 May Training course
23-24 June Training course
11-12 Aug Training course
22-23 Sept Training course
20-21 Oct Training course
Contact: Dave Longden Tel: 01246 410361
Email: heatherlongden@sky.com

WALES

7-8 April Training weekend, Libanus
5-6 May Training weekend, Pensychnant, Conwy
12-13 May Training weekend, Hattrell Hill, Abergavenny
9-10 June Training weekend, Libanus
30-1 July Training weekend, Pensychnant, Conwy
8-9 Sept Training weekend, Libanus
6-7 Oct Training weekend, Hattrell Hill, Abergavenny
Contact: Brian Lock Tel: 07966 761172
Email: brian.lock@drystonewalling.wales

WEST YORKSHIRE

14-15 April Beginners' course, Outlane
14-15 July Beginners' course, Outlane
8-9 Sept. Beginners' course
Contact: Trevor Womack Tel: 0113 253 1940
Email: info.wydswa@yahoo.com

Further details on these events are available from the contacts shown. Additional dates may be added during the year.