

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.

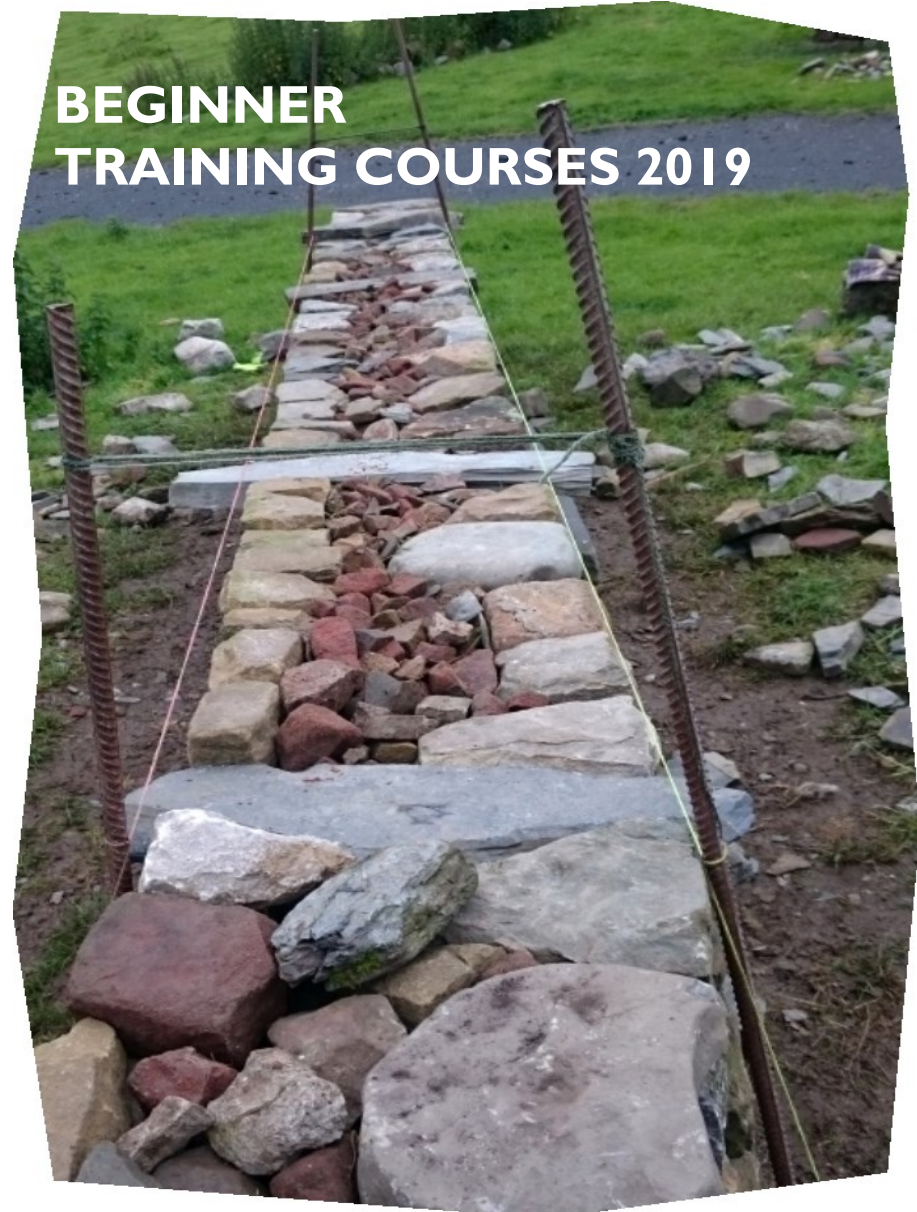
Skills Certification Opportunities exist to gain an accredited qualification in dry stone walling. Full details can be found in the Craftsman Certification Scheme booklet, available from the office or downloadable from the website.

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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DRY STONE WALLING BEGINNER TRAINING COURSES 2019

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

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

27-28 April Training course, Forfar
20-21 July Training course, Huntingtower
7-8 Sept Training course, Kingsbarns
Contact: Stewart Hutt Tel: 01382 350360
Email: contact@csdswa.org.uk

CHESHIRE

11-12 May Beginners' course, Werneth Low C/Park
14-15 Sep Beginners' course, Werneth Low C/Park
Contact: Jack Taylor Tel: 07415 107120
Email: dswacheshire@gmail.com

COTSWOLD

Contact: Chris Ingles Tel: 07900 611781
Email: ingleschris@gmail.com

CUMBRIA

16-17 March Beginners' course, Crooklands
11-12 May Beginners' course, Crooklands
21-22 Sept Beginners' course, Crooklands
12-13 Oct Beginners' course, Crooklands.
Contact: Sid Brighton Tel: 01229 776813
Email: sidbrighton@btinternet.com

DERBYSHIRE

16-17 March Beginners' course, Handley Farm
13-14 April Beginners' course, Brundcliffe Farm
11-12 May Beginners' course, Cowley Knoll Farm
22-23 June Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
13-14 July Beginners' course, Handley Farm
17-18 August Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
14-15 Sept. Beginners' course, Handley Farm
5-6 Oct. Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
16-17 Nov. Beginners' course, Green Farm
Email: beginners2018@derbyshire-dswa.org.uk

DORSET

4-5 May Beginners' course, nr. Swanage
13-14 July Beginners' course, Weymouth area
7 Sept Certification Day, Tyneham
28-29 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

23-24 March Training course, Round Hill Farm, Dobcross
17-18 Aug Training course, Ridge Farm, Diggle
5-6 Oct Training course, Well-i-Hole Farm, Greenfield
Contact: Paul Clayton Tel: 07733 103500
Email: lancashire.dswa@btinternet.com

MID LANCs

27-28 April Training course, Hollin Grove Farm, Briercliffe
6-7 July Training course, Holden Hall Farm, Haslingden
14-15 Sept Training course, Hollin Grove Farm, Briercliffe
Contact: Neil Kerr Tel: 01925 721288
Email: midlancsdswa@gmail.com

NORTH OF SCOTLAND

DSWA has no branch in Caithness/Sutherland but courses can be arranged by contacting either of the following:
Dave Goulder Monument Wood, Rosehall by Lairg, IV27 4BD
Tel: 01549 441283
George Gunn Tel: 07788 470272
Email: georgegunnwalling@hotmail.com

NORTHUMBRIA

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

OTLEY & YORKSHIRE DALES

25-26 May Training course, Otley Chevin
29-30 June Training course, Otley Chevin
3-4 Aug Training course, Bellerby, Leyburn
28-29 Sept Training course, Otley Chevin
12-13 Oct Training course, Bellerby, Leyburn
19 Oct Certification Day, Otley Chevin
Contact: Brian Hartley Tel: 0113 2843579
Email: brian_hartley@btinternet.com

PENNINE

11-12 May Training course, Watergrove, nr. Rochdale
Contact: Peter Walker Tel: 01706 818353
Email: petestonewinter@gmail.com

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND

18-19 May Training course
13-14 July Training course
14-15 Sept Training course
Contact: Dave Taylor Tel: 0131 447 6713
Email: drystanedave@tiscali.co.uk

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

23-24 March Beginners' course, Nailsea
27-28 April Beginners' course, Mendips
18-19 May Beginners' course, Ham Hill
8-9 June Beginners' course, Marshfield
6-7 July Beginners' course, Nailsea
7-8 Sept Beginners' course, Mendips
Contact: Kevin Toal Tel: 07736 419685
Email: courses@swedswa.org.uk

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

27-28 April Training course, Beeswing
22-23 June Training course, Girvan
7-8 Sept Training course, Gatehouse
Contact: Linda Wilson Tel: 07590 816845
Email: pcos29@yahoo.co.uk

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

6-7 April Training course
11-12 May Training course
22-23 June Training course
10-11 August Training course
21-22 Sept Training course
19-20 Oct Training course
Contact: Dave Longden Tel: 01246 410361
Email: heatherlongden@sky.com

WALES

6-7 April Training course Libanus, Brecon
11-12 May Training course Abergavenny
8-9 June Training course Libanus, Brecon
7-8 Sept Training course Libanus, Brecon
5-6 Oct Training course Abergavenny
7Contact: Brian Lock Tel: 07966 761172
Email: brian.lock@drystonewalling.wales

WEST YORKSHIRE

6-7 April Beginners' course
20-21 July Beginners' course
7-8 Sept. Beginners' course
Contact: Trevor Womack Tel: 0113 253 1940
Email: info.vydswwa@yahoo.com

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