

Courses and Taster 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. It is very much practical, hands' on training.

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, putting into practice skills learnt on a training course.

What you need to bring

Waterproof clothing, stout footwear (preferably 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 are also useful when hammering stone.

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 website or by contacting the office.

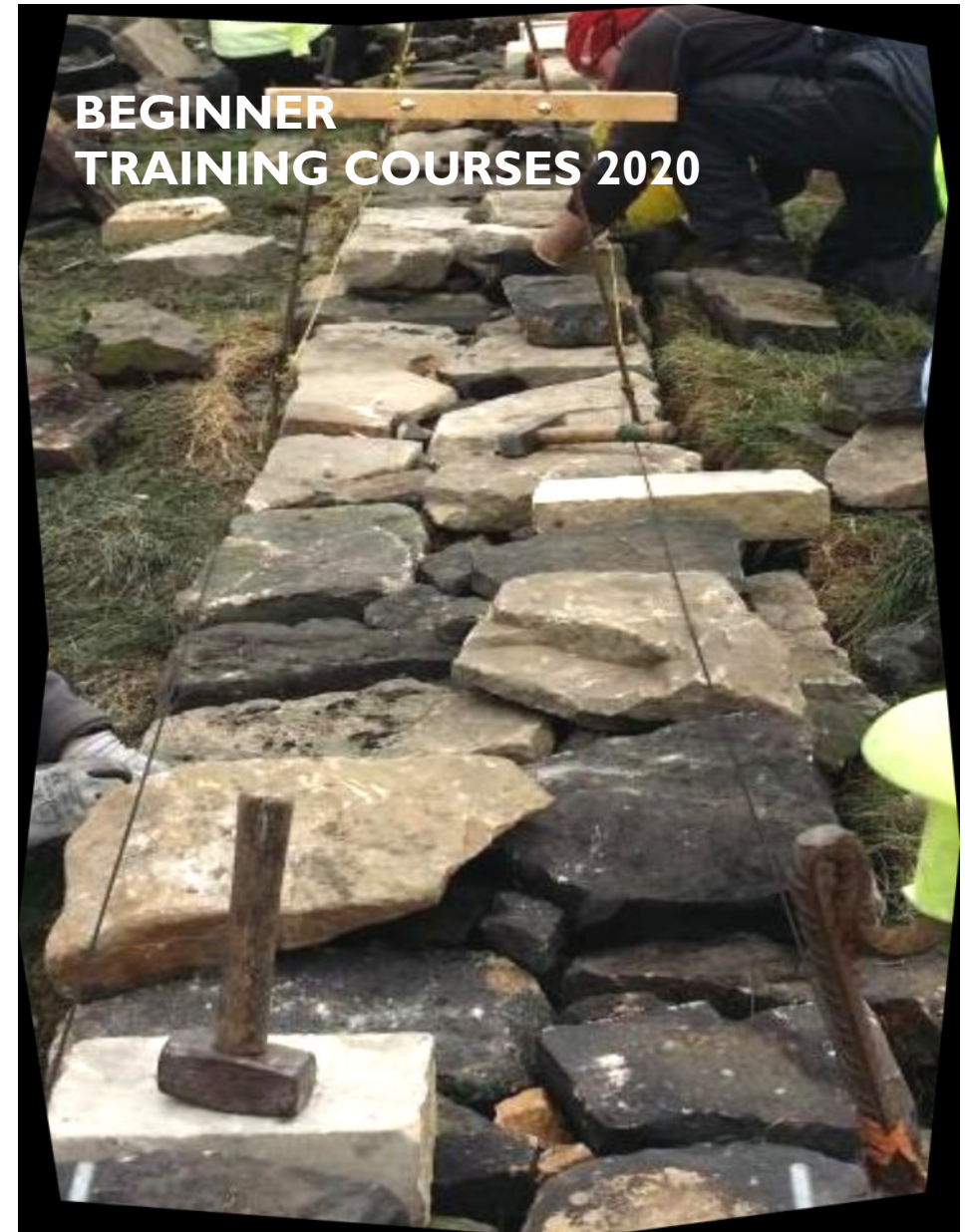
General Information

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 or from the office.

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DRY STONE WALLING BEGINNER TRAINING COURSES 2020

Please contact the individual local branches for further details. Additional dates may be added during the year by the branches.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

25 - 26 April Training course, South Mains Farm by Forfar
25 - 26 July Training course, Blackruthven by Perth
Contact: Bob Pawson Tel: 01828 627015
Email: contact@csdswa.org.uk

CHESHIRE

16 - 17 May Beginners' course, Werneth Low C/Park
19 - 20 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

14-15 March Beginners' course, Crooklands
9-10 May Beginners' course, Crooklands
19-20 Sept Beginners' course, Crooklands
10-11 Oct Beginners' course, Crooklands.
Contact: Sid Brighton Tel: 01229 776813
Email: sidbrighton@btinternet.com

DERBYSHIRE

14 - 15 March Beginners' course, Handley Farm
18 - 19 April Beginners' course, Staden Grange, Buxton
9 - 10 May Beginners' course, Cowley Knoll Farm
20 - 21 June Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
11 -12 July Beginners' course, Handley Farm
29 - 30 Aug Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
12-13 Sept. Beginners' course, Handley Farm
17 - 18 Oct. Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
14 - 15 Nov. Beginners' course, Green Farm
Contact: Alan Malia 01246 280914/07974 508223
Email: beginners2019@derbyshire-dswa.org.uk

DORSET

25-26 April Beginners' course, Goulds Hill
4-5 July Beginners' course, Spyway (tbc)
5 Sept Certification Day, Tyneham
19-20 Sept Beginners' course (tbc)
Contact: Peter Curtis Tel: 07748 982316
Email: dorsetdswa@gmail.com

ISLE OF SKYE

Contact: Hector Nicolson
Tel: 01478 650322

LANCASHIRE

28-29 March Training course, Round Hill Farm, Dobcross
Contact: Paul Clayton Tel: 07733 103500
Email: lancashire.dswa@btinternet.com

MID LANCs

2-3 May Training course, Hollin Grove Farm, Briercliffe
11-12 July Training course, Holden Hall Farm, Haslingden
12-13 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

Taster days held at High House Farm on the following Saturdays:
7, 14, 21 March
4, 18, 25 April
2, 16 May
6, 20 June
18 July
15 August
12, 19, 26 September
Contact: Pam Kirkup Tel: 07715 576891
Email: pamela.kirkup@btinternet.com

OTLEY & YORKSHIRE DALES

25-26 April Training course, Otley Chevin
30-31 May Training course, Otley Chevin
27-28 June Training course, Otley Chevin
3-4 Aug Training course, Bellerby, Leyburn
26-27 Sept Training course, Otley Chevin
10-11 Oct Training course, Bellerby, Leyburn
24 Oct Certification Day, Otley Chevin
Contact: Brian Hartley Tel: 0113 2843579
Email: brian_hartley@btinternet.com

PENNINE

10 May Certification day, Watergrove, nr. Rochdale
15-16 Aug 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@btinternet.com

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

28-29 March Beginners' course, Nailsea
25-26 April Beginners' course, Mendips
16-17 May Beginners' course, Ham Hill
6-7 June Beginners' course, Marshfield
11-12 July Beginners' course, Nailsea
5-6 Sept Beginners' course, Mendips
12-13 Sept Beginners' course, Marshfield
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

4-5 April Training course
9-10 May Training course
20-21 June Training course
8-9 August Training course
19-20 Sept Training course
17-18 Oct Training course
Contact: Dave Longden Tel: 01246 410361
Email: secretary@dswa-sy-org.uk

WALES

4 - 5 April Training course Libanus, Brecon
25 - 26 April Training course, Pencychnant, Conwy
9 - 10 May Training course Abergavenny
6 - 7 June Training course Libanus, Brecon
27 - 28 June Training course, Pencychnant, Conwy
5 - 6 Sept Training course Libanus, Brecon
12 - 13 Sept Training course, Pencychnant, Conwy
3 - 4 Oct Training course Abergavenny
7Contact: Brian Lock Tel: 07966 761172
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WEST YORKSHIRE

18-19 April Beginners' course, Shepley
18-19 July Beginners' course, Shepley
19-20 Sept. Beginners' course, Shepley
17-18 Oct Beginners' course, Shepley
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