

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.

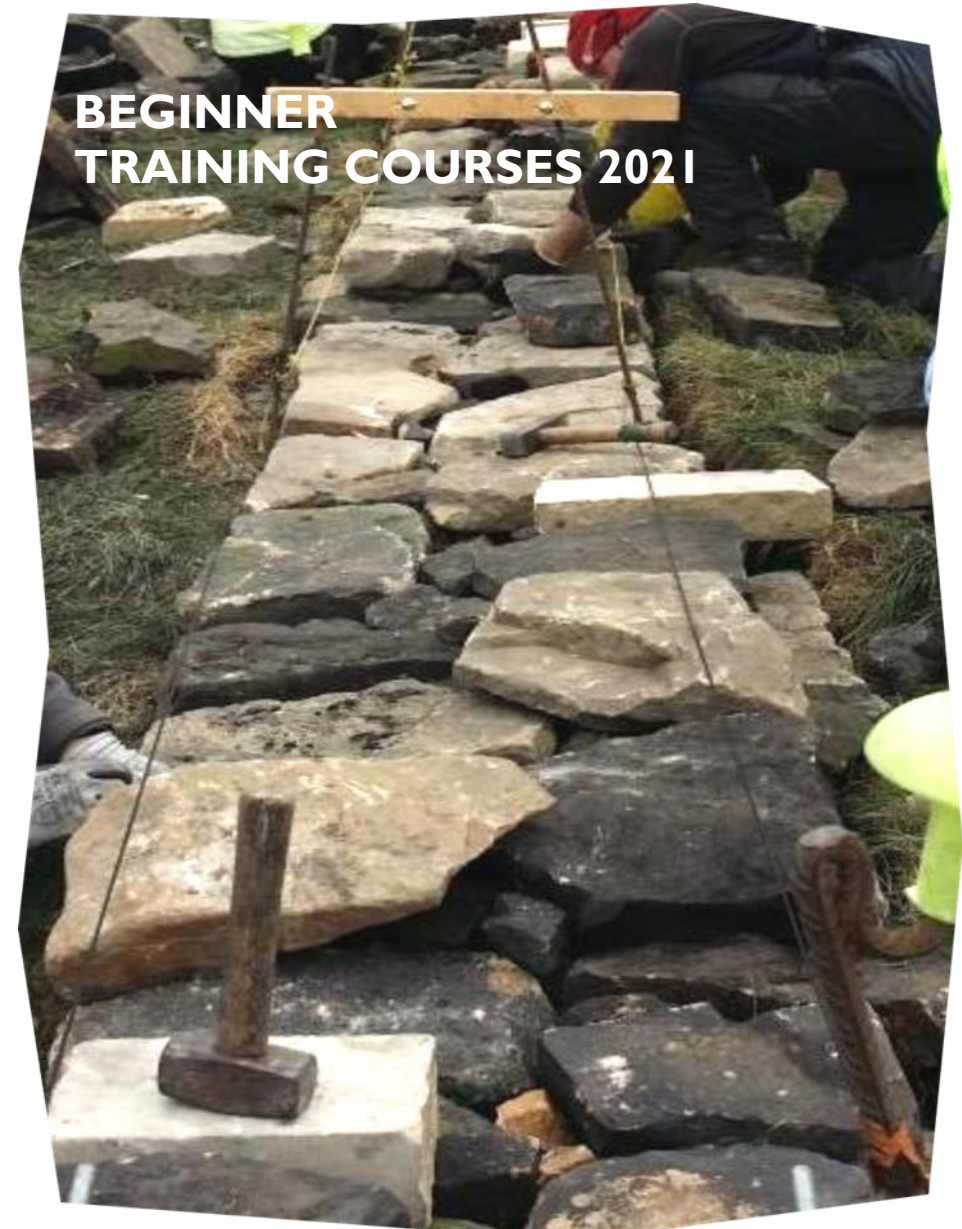
General Information

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 2021

Please contact the individual local branches for further details. Courses subject to current Government Covid-19 guidelines and may be cancelled at short notice.

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

17-18 July Beginners' course, Blackruthven, Perth
7-8 Aug Beginners' course, South Mains Farm, Forfar
28-29 Aug Beginners' course, Merryhill Steading
2-3 Oct Beginners' course, Blackruthven Farm
Contact: Bob Pawson Tel: 01828 627015
Email: contact@csdswa.org.uk

CHESHIRE

15-16 May Beginners' course,
11-12 Sep Beginners' course
Contact: Jack Taylor Tel: 07415 107120
Email: dswacheshire@gmail.com

COTSWOLD

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

CUMBRIA

17-18 July Beginners' course, Crooklands
28-29 Aug Beginners' course, Crooklands
18-19 Sept Beginners' course, Crooklands
16-17 Oct Beginners' course, Crooklands.
Contact: Joe Bowman Tel: 07800 528437
Email: joedbowman@gmail.com

DERBYSHIRE

17-18 April Beginners' course, Staden Grange, Buxton
15-16 May Beginners' course, Cowley Knoll Farm
19-20 June Beginners' course, New Buildings Farm
17-18 July Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
14-15 Aug Beginners' course, New Buildings Farm
18-19 Sept. Beginners' course, Cowley Knoll Farm
23-24 Oct. Beginners' course, High Ashes Farm
13-14 Nov. Beginners' course, Staden Grange
Contact: Alan Malia 01246 280914/07974 508223
Email: beginners2019@derbyshire-dswa.org.uk

DORSET

Contact: Peter Curtis Tel: 07748 982316
Email: dorsetdswa@gmail.com

ISLE OF SKYE

Contact: Hector Nicolson
Tel: 01478 650322

LANCASHIRE

27-28 March Training course, Round Hill Farm, Dobcross
8-9 May Training course, Gorse Hill
17-18 July Training course, Well-i-Hole Farm,
14-15 Aug Training course, Ridge Farm, Diggle
25-26 Sept Training course, Denshaw
16-17 Oct Training course, Ridge Farm, Diggle
Contact: Paul Clayton Tel: 07733 103500
Email: lancashire.dswa@btinternet.com

MID LANCs

8-9 May Guided training session, Hollin Grove Farm
17-18 July Guided training session, Holden Hall Farm
11-12 Sept Guided training session, Hollin Grove Farm
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:
13, 20, 27 March
10, 17, 24 April
8, 15, 22 May
5, 12, 19, 26 June
10 July
14 Aug
11, 18, 25 September
Contact: Pam Kirkup Tel: 07715 576891
Email: pamela.kirkup@btinternet.com

OTLEY & YORKSHIRE DALES

24-25 April Training course, Otley Chevin
22-23 May Training course, Otley Chevin
26-27 June Training course, Otley Chevin
7-8 Aug Training course, Bellerby, Leyburn
25-26 Sept Training course, Otley Chevin
9-10 Oct Training course, Bellerby, Leyburn
Contact: Brian Hartley Tel: 0113 284 3579
Email: brian_hartley@btinternet.com

PENNINE

8-9 May Training course, Watergrove, nr. Rochdale
14-15 Aug Training course, Watergrove, nr. Rochdale
Contact: Peter Walker Tel: 01706 818353
Email: petestonewinter@gmail.com

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND

22-23 May Training course, Charlestown, Fife
29-30 May Training course, Charlestown, Fife
Contact: Dave Taylor Tel: 0131 447 6713
Email: drystanedave@btinternet.com

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

27-28 March Beginners' course, Nailsea
24-25 April Beginners' course, Mendips
22-23 May Beginners' course, Ham Hill
12-13 June Beginners' course, Marshfield
10-11 July Beginners' course, Nailsea
4-5 Sept Beginners' course, Mendips
11-12 Sept Beginners' course, Marshfield
Contact: Kevin Toal Tel: 07736 419685
Email: swedswacourses@gmail.com

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

11-12 Sept Beginners' course, Rainton Farm
Contact: Linda Wilson Tel: 07590 816845
Email: pcos29@yahoo.co.uk

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

3-4 April Basic course, Green Top Farm, Hoylandswaine
8-9 May Basic course, Green Top Farm, Hoylandswaine
19-20 June Basic course, Green Top Farm, Hoylandswaine
14-15 Aug Basic course, Green Top Farm, Hoylandswaine
18-19 Sept Basic course, Green Top Farm, Hoylandswaine
16-17 Oct Basic course, Green Top Farm, Hoylandswaine
Contact: Dave Longden Tel: 01246 410361
Email: secretary@dswa-sy.org.uk

WALES

Contact: Brian Lock Tel: 07966 761172
Email: brian.lock@drystonewalling.wales

WEST YORKSHIRE

17-18 April Beginners' course, Shepley
17-18 July Beginners' course, Shepley
7-8 Aug Beginners' course, Shepley
18-19 Sept. Beginners' course, Shepley
16-17 Oct Beginners' course, Shepley
Contact: Laurence Jones
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