

Adam
Clarke
on a trip
to Spain



What have you enjoyed about dry stone walling?

"I don't think I could work in any other career. I enjoy every aspect of the job, from challenges to the satisfaction of finishing a project, from working outside in all weathers to having a good laugh at the same time, with the other wallers I work with." Adam

"I like that it's a job that you can do either on your own or with people.

Sometimes it's nice to work on your own to get away from the world but I have also met a lot of great people through being involved with the Dry Stone Walling Association." Lydia



Lydia Noble
at Chelsea
Flower Show

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Careers in Dry Stone Walling



Looking for a Career
with a difference?
Fancy a
change?

Want to get
creative?
Love the outdoors?



Ever thought of Dry Stone Walling?



One of the great advantages of training in dry stone walling is the wide range of career opportunities for dry stone wallers. There's a lot more to it than building field walls. A growing demand for landscape wallers working with garden designers and architects, plus heritage projects, restoring dry stone structures and features has added a new dimension to career prospects.

Whichever branch of the craft, there is opportunity to earn a good living from dry stone walling. It is particularly useful when combined with other countryside skills e.g. hedgelaying, arboriculture, fencing etc , to provide year round income. Organisations like the National Trust, Forestry Commission, wildlife trusts etc are keen to employ people with qualifications in rural skills.



The Dry Stone Walling Association has local branches throughout the UK. Our local branches provide beginner training courses where you can learn the basic principles of building a dry stone wall with practical training by qualified Instructors. Joining a local Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association will give you free access to Practice Days where you can improve your skills with the help of experienced dry stone wallers.

You can go on to gain Lantra accredited qualifications in Dry Stone Walling to add to your CV. At our National Training Site near Kendal, we run residential training courses designed to meet the needs of those looking to gain qualifications in preparation for a career in dry stone walling. We also run Test Days where Lantra qualifications can be gained.

