



QUALIFICATIONS & PATHWAYS FOR DRY STONE WALLING

Whether your interest in dry stone walling is as a hobby or something you would like to develop as a professional career, it is important to understand the different pathways available, in order to choose the most appropriate training and qualifications.

The diagram overleaf highlights the range of qualifications and training courses currently being offered for dry stone walling. The middle column shows a direct progression through the Lantra Awards/DSWA Levels 1-3 qualifications, leading to the DSWA Master Craftsman Certification. A first step is often the Beginner Training days run by local DSWA branches.

Lantra Apprenticeships (Intermediate and Advanced) are now available from some colleges and training providers, for students to gain qualifications and vocational training in dry stone walling, as part of a diploma in Environmental Conservation. Students undertaking this apprenticeship route (right hand column) need to have an employer to support their dry stone walling training and will either gain a Level 2/Intermediate Certificate or Level 3/Advanced Certificate, as part of their overall apprenticeship.

Additionally there are a number of generic Level 1 training courses and qualifications within Environmental Conservation as well as the Lantra Awards Level 2 Certificate in Land-based Activities, which may incorporate one unit in dry stone walling. It is highly recommended that progression from this type of training and/or qualification is the Level 1/Initial Certificate.

Further information can be obtained from the contacts below:

<p>Dry Stone Walling Association Lane Farm, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria , LA7 7NH Email: training@dswa.org.uk www.dswa.org.uk</p> <p><i>DSWA is registered as a charity in England & Wales, 289678</i></p>	<p>Information about Lantra Awards (a subsidiary of Lantra) can be obtained from: www.lantra-awards.co.uk</p>
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