

**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](http://www.dswa.org.uk)



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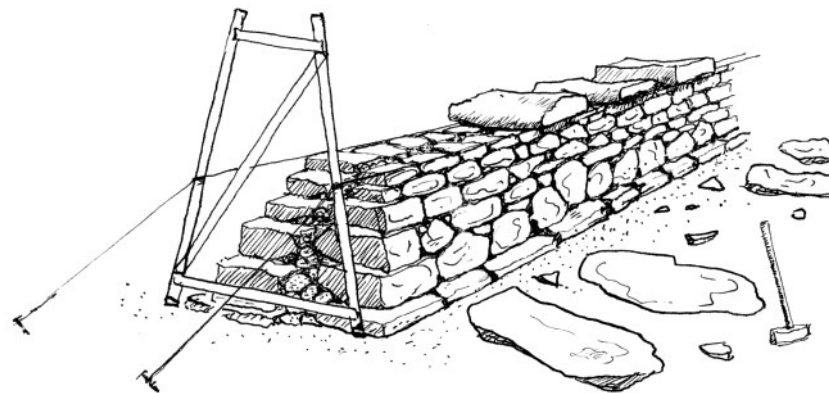
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# DRY STONE WALLING ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN



## BEGINNER TRAINING COURSES 2017



This leaflet is produced by the Association to help those interested in learning or furthering skills in the craft of dry stone walling and dyking.

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# DRY STONE WALLING BEGINNER TRAINING COURSES 2017

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

## CENTRAL SCOTLAND

29-30 April Beginners' course, Cambo, Fife  
1-2 July Beginners' course, Blackruthven  
23-24 Sept Beginners' course, Cambo, Fife  
30-1 Oct Beginners' course, Saline, Fife  
Contact: Stewart Hutt Tel: 01382 350360  
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## CHESHIRE

20-21 May Training course, Werneth Low C/Park  
23-24 Sept Training course, Werneth Low C/Park  
Contact: Jack Taylor Tel: 07415 107120  
Email: dswacheshire@gmail.com

## COTSWOLD

Contact: Chris Ingles Tel: 01789 721618  
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## CUMBRIA

13-14 May Beginners' course, Crooklands  
23-24 Sept Beginners' course, Crooklands  
14-15 Oct Beginners' course, Crooklands.  
Contact: Sid Brighton Tel: 01229 776813  
Email: sidbrighton@btinternet.com

## DERBYSHIRE

11-12 March Beginners' course, Bushey Heath Farm  
8-9 April Beginners' course, Brundcliffe Farm  
13-14 May Beginners' course, Cowley Knoll Farm  
17-18 June Beginners' course, High Ashes  
8-9 July Beginners' course, Handley Farm  
19-20 Aug Beginners' course, High Ashes  
16-17 Sept Beginners' course, Handley Farm  
7-8 Oct Beginners' course, High Ashes  
11-12 Nov Beginners' course, Green Farm  
Contact: Alan Malia Tel: 07974 508223  
Email: beginners@derbyshire-dswa.org.uk

## DORSET

22-23 April Beginners' course, Spyway  
15-16 July Beginners' course, Weymouth area  
19 Aug Certification day, Durlston  
7-8 Oct. Beginners' course Weymouth area  
Contact: Peter Curtis Tel: 07748 982316  
Email: dorsetdswa@gmail.com

## ISLE OF SKYE

Contact: Hector Nicolson  
Tel: 01478 650322

## LANCASHIRE

5 - 6 Aug Beginners' course, Harrop Edge, Dobcross  
21 - 22 Oct Beginners' course, Harrop Edge, Dobcross  
Contact: Paul Clayton Tel: 07733 103500  
Email: lancashire.dswa@btinternet.com

## MID LANCs

29-30 April Training course, Hollins Grove Farm  
10-11 June Training course, Holden Hall Farm  
23-24 Sept Training course, Hollins Grove Farm  
Contact: Neil Kerr Tel: 01925 721288  
Email: midlancsdswa@gmail.com

## NORTH OF SCOTLAND

DSWA has no branch in Caithness/Sutherland. Occasional courses can be arranged by contacting Dave Goulder Monument Wood, Rosehall by Lairg, IV27 4BD, Tel: 01549 441283

## NORTH WALES

6-7 May Training weekend, Pencychnant  
1-2 July Training weekend, Pencychnant  
15-16 July Training weekend, Clawdd  
9-10 Sept Training weekend, Pencychnant  
16-17 Sept Training weekend, Clawdd  
Contact: Paul Smyth Tel: 01766 513213  
Email: pasmyth@btinternet.com

## NORTHUMBRIA

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

## OTLEY & YORKSHIRE DALES

27-28 May Training weekend, Otley Chevin  
24-25 June Training weekend, Otley Chevin  
12-13 Aug Training weekend, Bellerby  
23-24 Sept Training weekend, Otley Chevin  
1 Oct Certification Day, Otley Chevin  
14-15 Oct Training weekend, Bellerby  
Contact: Brian Hartley Tel: 0113 2843579  
Email: brian\_hartley@btinternet.com

## PENNINE

13-14 May Training course, Watergrove, Rochdale  
19-20 Aug Training course, Watergrove, Rochdale  
Contact: Peter Walker Tel: 01706 818353  
Email: petestonewinter@gmail.com

## SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND

15-16 April Training course, East Kinleith  
24-25 June Training course, East Kinleith  
9-10 Sept Training course, East Kinleith  
Contact: Dave Taylor Tel: 0131 447 6713  
Email: drystanedave@tiscali.co.uk

## SOUTH WALES

8-9 April Training weekend, Libanus Brecon  
6-7 May Training weekend, Hattrell Hill, Abergavenny  
10-11 June Training weekend, Libanus Brecon  
9-10 Sept Training weekend, Libanus Brecon  
7-8 Oct Training weekend Hattrell Hill, Abergavenny  
Contact: Brian Lock Tel: 07966 761172  
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## SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

22-23 April Beginners' course, Mendips  
17-18 June Beginners' course, Marshfield  
8-9 July Beginners' course, Nailsea  
9-10 Sept Beginners' course, Mendips  
Contact: Simon Knops Tel: 0117 969 0258  
Email: courses@swedswa.org.uk

## SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

Contact: Linda Wilson, Tel: 07590 816845  
Email: pcos29@yahoo.co.uk

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE

8-9 April Training course  
13-14 May Training course  
24-25 June Training course  
12-13 Aug Training course  
23-24 Sept Training course  
21-22 Oct Training course  
Contact: Gary Helliwell Tel: 01226 800130  
Email: garyhelliwell@live.co.uk

## WEST YORKSHIRE

22-23 April Beginners' course, Outlane  
15-16 July Beginners' course, Outlane  
2-3 Sept. Beginners' course  
Contact: Trevor Womack Tel: 0113 253 1940  
Email: info.wydswa@yahoo.com

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