

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING COURSES



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CARBON FOOTPRINT

a 21st Feb 10am – 4pm £35/£30C

Mukti Mitchell

Your carbon footprint not only impacts on the planet but on the cost of your day to day living. Bring along your household utility bills, a pocket calculator and create a personal plan to reduce in these times of economic restraint.

LIVING OFF THE GRID

Sat 25th April 10am – 4pm £35/£30C

Martin Allen

This interactive workshop is designed for both economic and environmental advantage. A domestic setting will be the basis for exploring how we might best conserve energy and use renewable sources. The day includes a visit to a local example using solar and wind power.

YURT MAKING

Mon 27th April – Fri 1st May

10am–5pm £195/£175C/£275 Res

David Baker

This course has been redesigned to appeal to both individual and community groups. Working as a team you will learn the skills and techniques necessary to complete a 12' foot diameter willow frame. These portable, durable and sustainable dwellings make an ideal workshop/exhibition space, summer house, additional room or a luxurious means of camping.



STRAW BALE BUILDING

Sat 6th & Sun 7th June

£90/£70 C / £115 Res

10am – 5pm

Ian Westaway

Building with straw is a relatively simple process which lends itself to designing a space and shape that suits your needs. It has excellent insulating properties, is sustainable, readily available and is now widely accepted by planners. The course will cover visits to existing buildings, a practical element and will endeavour to cover all aspects of the building principles.

LIME RENDERING

Sat 12th Sept 10am – 5pm

£35/£30C

Ian Westaway

Lime is a wonderfully natural material that provides the ideal finish for both traditional cob, stone and newly constructed eco builds. A hands on day covering all aspects of rendering techniques.



AN ECO APPROACH TO NEW BUILD

Sat 19th Sept

£35/£30C

10am – 5pm

David Baker

An exciting opportunity to look at sustainable options to infill a timber oak frame. Discuss possibilities such as cord wood, straw bale, and hemp. Insulation is a key factor to lower heating bills – what are the economics and environmental benefits of choosing a sustainable option? An ideas and general information day.

GREEN OAK BUILDING

Wed 23rd – Sun 27th Sept

£225/£175C / £325 Res

10am – 5pm

Jamie Lovekin

Work with a master craftsman on a small, individually designed, green oak frame building. Look at the logistics of using green oak or other viable alternatives. Learn the techniques associated with this style of building – making oak pegs, incorporating natural grown curves and mortice and tenon joints.

RURAL SKILLS COURSES

GREENWOOD GARDEN STRUCTURES

Sat 21st Feb

10am – 5pm

£35/£30C

Tom Hyde

This workshop is ideal for a beginner who wants to design and make a structure for their garden from sustainable green wood. It could be functional, like a trellis or an arch, or purely decorative. An introduction to tools and construction, with something to take home for your garden at the end of the day.

LIVING WILLOW

Sat 7th March

10am–4pm

£35/£30C

Jennifer Jones

Living willow can be used to create a range of decorative features in both gardens and community spaces. Design one for your own space and learn the practical techniques necessary for it to remain a feature of lasting beauty.

SPOON CARVING

Sat 30th & Sun 31st May

£70/£60 C £95 Res

10 – 4pm

Brian Williamson

The handmade spoon was a treasured possession in Middle Ages and combines practical value with elegant beauty. Using locally sourced green wood, learn the carving techniques to create your own individual utensil.

RUSTIC GARDEN CHAIRS

Sat 27th & Sun 28th June 10 – 4pm £70/£60C £95 Res Tom Hyde

Design and make a rustic chair for your garden from found or green wood. Whilst some traditional techniques will be used the emphasis will be on aesthetics and enjoying the process of designing and making. Suitable for beginners.

DRY STONE WALLING

Sat 18th July

10am – 5pm

£35/£30C

Max Jowett

Whether as a basis for hedge laying or as a garden feature, this practical day will introduce you to construction techniques, use and maintenance of tools and the aesthetic and wildlife benefits of a traditional Westcountry dry stone wall.

RUSTIC STOOLS

Fri 9th Oct 10am – 5pm

£35/£30C

Brian Williamson

Design and make a traditional rustic stool using wood in the round. Learn draw knife techniques, simple mortice and tenon joints and you will complete a stool, ideal for rush seating.



RUSH & CANE CHAIR SEATING

Sat 10th & Sun 11th Oct 10–4pm

£70/£60C £95 Res Lorraine Houlden

Give your tired chair or stool a new lease of life with a traditional rush or cane seat. Lorraine has been reseating chairs for many years and harvests her rush from Somerset. Learn some of the techniques of chair seating and take away with you the knowledge of a new skill as well as a new project.

WATTLE HURDLES

Sat 14th & Sun 15th Nov 10 – 4pm

£70/£60 C £95 Res

Brian Williamson

Woven hazel hurdles were once an important part of livestock fencing but now are used for decorative screening in the garden. Learn the techniques and take home a small hurdle to your specification.