

hands on Heritage Skills



Misty March sun dawns for Contractors Breakfast Event at Belsay

Welcome to the first HSI newsletter of 2009

The North of England Civic Trust's Heritage Skills Initiative has got lots organised for 2009!

In this newsletter you will find the 2009 Training and Events programme which is much extended on last year, with training in cobble and sett laying, traditional brickwork, sash windows and a fantastic four day 'On the Moors Heritage Skills Festival' which will take in a lime burn, lime plastering, green oak, heather thatching, blacksmithing, charcoal burning and lime pointing in August.

In mid March we held the first contractors event at Belsay, read about the event on page 3. The third annual Heritage Skills Symposium is planned for April and is looking at how we can inspire people to work in heritage and conservation through a series of presentations and facilitated workshops and we need your help and opinions on how we can inspire people to develop a pilot programme.

There are requests for you to get involved in the sub regional action groups and the Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme requires placement providers and bursary recipients. We need you to help the North East develop and grow heritage skills!

On pages 5 and 6 you will find details of European programmes, funded exchange visits, bursaries and fellowships. During 2009 – 2010 I will be researching European methods of increasing and developing heritage skills thanks to a Winston Churchill Fellowship.

I hope to see you during 2009

Andie Harris, Heritage Skills Co-ordinator

Development and Marketing

New website launched for Heritage Skills

The National Heritage Training Group has recently launched a major new website (www.nhtg.org.uk) providing for the first time a centralised source of information on skills and training for the UK built heritage sector.

The development of the new site, funded by ConstructionSkills and English Heritage, has involved broad consultation, drawing on the expertise of many NHTG partners, including employers, training providers, heritage bodies and representatives of regional initiatives.

The site has a unique structure that enables content generated within dedicated sections for the English regions, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to populate the national pages, making it a truly collaborative web presence for heritage skills across the UK. It also features a sophisticated built heritage training provider search facility and an online newsletter.



Key Features are:

- Careers advice for craftspeople and professionals
- Advice for employers on grants and heritage qualifications
- National news and events
- NHTG initiatives, such as Training the Trainers
- Schools initiatives in the built heritage sector
- Information for historic property owners
- Built heritage training provider search facility
- Online newsletter (e-update)
- Dedicated regional and home countries sections.

The site will be useful for you if you are: an employer looking at funding, training and qualification opportunities; at school, currently in training, or a career changer wanting to know more about working in this sector; a teacher interested in skills fairs and events with an educational link; a training provider; a traditional building property owner; or simply want to know about the work of the NHTG and its range of products and services.

Please sign up to receive the new NHTG e-update <http://www.nhtg.org.uk/signup/index.aspx>, which will keep you regularly updated with all the latest news, events and training opportunities, and please contact me know if you have any events you would like to place on the regional section of the website.

Your sub-regional Action Group NEEDS YOU!

The Action Group has now been reorganised into three sub-regional groups that will meet once a year with a full regional meeting at the end of the year.

They are split down into:

South – Cleveland & Teesside

Wednesday 13th May, 2-4pm, Stockton on Tees

Central – Durham

Tuesday 12th May, 2-4pm, Stanley

Northern – Newcastle & Northumberland

Monday 11th May, 2-4pm, Hexham

Sub regional groups will meet once a year in May to bring ideas to the table on how to create opportunities, involvement in projects, provide venues, projects and partnership opportunities for those interested in developing and including heritage skills in their projects or job roles. Members include crafts people, conservation officers, architects, surveyors, contractors, officers from English Heritage, National Trust, local authorities, Learning and Skills Council, ConstructionSkills, Lantra, National Parks, Hadrian's Wall Heritage and National Heritage Training Group.

If you'd like to become involved, please contact me on andie.harris@nect.org.uk



Training and Advocacy

Contractors Breakfast Event, 19th March 2009

The Heritage Skills Initiative (HSI) hosted a regional meeting for heritage contractors to support the drive for a fully carded workforce to work on the region's traditional buildings. Delegates found out about the new Heritage Skills NVQ Level 3, the CSCS Heritage Skills Card, funding available for training and assessment, and the HSI's programme of events and courses for 2009.

The Northumbrian village of Belsay was awoken early this morning by the steady rumble of vans and pick-up trucks as heritage contractors from across the north east of England gathered at a breakfast meeting to find out about the latest qualifications and funding available to support construction workers on the region's 196,000 pre-1919 buildings.

Belsay Hall - a stunning early 19th century Grade I listed English Heritage property - provided a fitting location for the event.

Over 60 delegates attended the event, including some of the region's finest craftspeople, along with representatives of the 5 Centre of Vocational Excellence (COVE) construction colleges.

Delegates learnt about the forthcoming requirement for CSCS Heritage Skills Cards for those wanting to work on English Heritage properties, routes to achieve the card, and available funding. It was also an opportunity for the North East Heritage Skills Initiative to launch its extensive programme of built heritage events and courses for 2009.



Representatives and speakers attended from English Heritage, ConstructionSkills, the North East Heritage Skills Initiative, the National Heritage Training Group (NHTG), Constructing Excellence and the Learning and Skills Council.

The event focussed on business and training opportunities for work in the built heritage sector, highlighting the following: North East Historic Built Environment – why its care and conservation is important, Training and Business Development – a contractors point of view, Heritage Qualifications and CSCS Heritage cards – getting qualified and accredited for this sector, ConstructionSkills grants and Train to Gain Service and Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme

HSI and ConstructionSkills are providing ongoing support to employers who want to get qualified to work on the north east's traditional buildings. Contact us for more information.
R Bayliss, ConstructionSkills

Buildings Limes Forum 2009 Conference

The 2009 conference will be held at West Dean College, by Chichester, West Sussex from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September with visits to the nearby Weald and Downland Museum.

The theme will be 'Lime in Practice' with a focus on craft skills. There will be a programme of talks and discussions and opportunities for members to present case studies and new developments in the use of building limes.

Gatherings are informal and friendly with plenty of time for exchange views and even demonstrate skills. Costs are kept to a minimum and include meals and visits to places of interest. We have arranged accommodation at West Dean College at very reasonable rates.

To download a booking form go to <http://www.buildinglimesforum.org.uk/Conference.htm>

Call for craftspeople to demonstrate!

If you wish to demonstrate at the Building Limes Forum AGM and Gathering please e-mail stafford.holmes@rmpuk.com.

Recording Techniques Taster Course

A future training course using virtual reality to map buildings and landscape is being planned for during the summer.

The wider project is looking at stabilising a number of bastles and other fortified towers across Northumberland and is looking to incorporate innovative recording techniques in order to improve interpretation. Anyone interested in a taster session that looks at the possible applications should contact martin.hulse@nect.org.uk

EU Opportunities

Funded Exchange Visits in the EU

Are you a training provider in the UK heritage sector?

Grampus Heritage and Training Ltd is a non-profit making organisation based in the North West of England. Since 1997 they have been involved in the management and promotion of European projects concerned with culture, heritage, archaeology and the environment. They are promoters of the EU Leonardo da Vinci Training Programme and provide funded training opportunities through this programme to UK students, recent graduates and young workers.

The CHAT Leonardo da Vinci trainer exchange provides funded exchange visits for UK trainers to visit organisations in other European countries (incl. Iceland, Finland, Slovakia, Cyprus, Czech Republic and Ireland), to exchange best practice and to establish new contacts and partnerships for future cooperation.

CHAT placements are available for trainers in natural heritage management, traditional skills, crafts, archaeology and more! All placements are for the duration of one week and funded by the EU Leonardo da Vinci scheme which covers return flights, travel insurance accommodation and a subsistence allowance (equal to three meals a day).

If you feel that you or your organisation would benefit from participation in a CHAT exchange then contact Charlotte or Martin from Grampus Heritage on 016973 21516 or email: enquiries@grampusheritage.co.uk for further information.



INTBAU – International Network for Traditional Building Architecture and Urbanism

Masonry – Intermediate Level

1 – 7 June 2009



Craven College are working with the International Network for Traditional Building Architecture and Urbanism (INTBAU) to provide this opportunity for training in Masonry. If this pilot proves to be successful, Craven College are planning to make this an annual event.

This intensive one week course is suited for apprentices, architecture students and young practitioners who have worked previously on a building site and are used with traditional tools and materials. This is also suited for people wishing to go into crafts business, start a career in conservation and completing the hands on requirements for NVQ type of qualifications. Cost: £495/person which includes tuition fees, accommodation for 7 days, 3 meals a day, protection equipment, tools and materials and local trips.

Main elements of the course

- plastering techniques based on traditional materials
- brick work
- stone masonry
- problem solving attitude
- drawing lessons
- field trips

If you are interested in taking part or for further information and specific details, please contact: Glenn Young on gyoung@craven-college.ac.uk or Kevin Lambert on klambert@craven-college.ac.uk

Fellowships and Bursaries

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Applications are now open for 2010 Travelling Fellowships!

Each year the Trust aims to award 100 Travelling Fellowships to British citizens. Each Fellow receives a grant to cover return and internal travel, daily living and travel insurance within the countries visited.

A Travelling Fellowship is a unique addition to your personal development and brings long-term benefits to you, your employer and your profession/community in the UK.

No qualifications are required and closing date for applications is 6th October 2009.

For details of the new categories please see the website at www.wcmt.org.uk.

2009 Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme

About the Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme

The [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) has awarded £900,000 to a partnership between English Heritage, The National Trust, Cadw, ConstructionSkills and the National Heritage Training Group to establish and deliver a £1.2 million Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme throughout England and Wales over the next 4 years until 2010. The scheme will address some of the currently recognised skills shortages and gaps within the traditional crafts and built heritage sector and to build diversity in the workforce.

The scheme offers to provide bursaries and facilitate work-based training placements (Bursary Placements) for eligible and successful applicants, who are enthusiastic and committed to developing their skills in order to work in the built heritage sector in England & Wales.

Placement Providers

Bursary Placements will be hosted by Placement Providers who are committed to providing a rich learning experience for the Trainee. Placement Providers may be public or private organisations, companies or sole traders, who have agreed to deliver training and support the Trainees during their Bursary Placement.

Would you like to work in the built heritage sector?

Are you keen to develop your traditional building skills?

Do you already work in mainstream construction industry and would like to improve your skills further?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'YES' and you have the skills, enthusiasm and commitment to work in this field then the Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme could help you get there! The Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme is offering exciting and valuable work-based training opportunities to help individuals enter or progress in the built heritage sector.

If you or a company you know, can provide a placement, please contact me on andie.harris@nect.org.uk or 0191 2329279 as we have a further 4 bursaries to be awarded during 2009 -10

2009 Events Programme

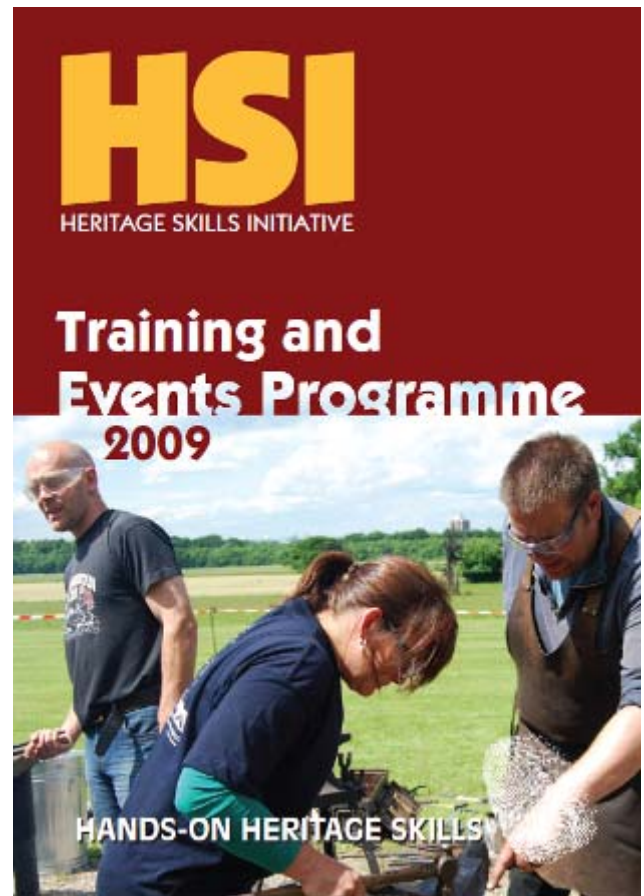
Can you assist us to inspire people to work in the Heritage Sector?

The 3rd Annual Heritage Skills Symposium will explore ways of inspiring students at school, college and University to aspire to a career in heritage whether it is building crafts, conservation, professional careers, museums, engineering etc and examining through a series of facilitated workshops of potential ways of doing this.

The event will highlight current shortages and examine difficulties faced by the sector as it struggles to continue to maintain its heritage for the future. The Symposium will be a short series of talks, forum discussion and facilitated exercises. It is hoped that this event will act as an information gathering exercise for a series of pilot events and a future funding bid.

It is being held on the 29th April at Preston Hall, Stockton on Tees.

So, if you train, recruit or have an interest in the development of an inspirational education programme for people joining your sector, please book your place by contacting andie.haris@nect.org.uk.



Training & Events Programme 2009

APRIL

Thursday 16th April 9.00 – 11.00 Contractors Workshop Special Event Blackfriars, Newcastle This event is aimed at contractors who attended the Contractors breakfast event to assist in the development of evidence towards the CSCS cards in heritage for their skilled workforce.

Free Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Wednesday 29th April 10.30 – 15.30 3rd Annual Heritage Skills Symposium Special Event Preston Hall, Stockton on Tees This event will look at how we can inspire people to work in heritage and conservation across all forms of heritage. The event will highlight the current shortages faced by these sectors and will be followed by an informal forum with facilitation of exercises. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Free Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

MAY

Monday 11th May 14.00 – 16.00 Northern Sub-Action Group Event Northumberland National Park Authority, Eastburn, Hexham The Heritage Skills Initiative facilitates three sub-regional action groups of those working in the heritage sector, education and natural environments, to develop project ideas and plans and create diverse partnership opportunities in the heritage and natural environment. Join us to contribute to the development of the Heritage Skills Initiative if you work in the northern part of the north east region.

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Tuesday 12th May 14.00 – 16.00 Central Sub-Action Group Event Resource Centre, Beamish Museum, County Durham The Heritage Skills Initiative facilitates three sub-regional action groups of those working in the heritage sector, education and natural environments to develop project ideas and plans and create diverse partnership opportunities in the heritage and natural environment. Join us to contribute to the development of the Heritage Skills Initiative if you work in the centre of the north east region.

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MAY

Wednesday 13th May 14.00 – 16.00 Southern Sub-Action Group Event Preston Park, Stockton on Tees The Heritage Skills Initiative facilitates three sub-regional action groups of those working in the heritage sector, education and natural environments to develop project ideas and plans and create diverse partnership opportunities in the heritage and natural environment. Join us to contribute to the development of the Heritage Skills Initiative if you work in the south of the north east region.

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Thursday 14th May 10.00 – 16.00 Traditional Cobble Laying Taster Day Beamish Museum, County Durham Join us for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training, in the wonderful setting of Beamish Museum, to learn the skills of laying traditional cobbles. This course gives you a taster of the use of cobbles in hard landscaping, different layers required, selecting the right materials and learning the skills of 'locking' the cobbles together to form a hard and durable surface. No experience needed.

£35.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Tuesday 19th May 13.30 – 15.30 Mortar & Masonry Repairs Lecture/Visit Lindisfarne Priory, Northumberland Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager for English Heritage (North East) on this tour of Lindisfarne Priory, identifying and examining the mortar and masonry repairs made to the structure. This tour will examine past interventions and discuss current works and techniques used to ensure the stability and maintenance of the structure.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd May 10.00 – 16.00 Lime and Hair Plastering Training Course Bowes, County Durham Part 1 - This practical, three part course is split over 6 days in May, June and July and is designed to diversify the skills of those who have some experience, either formal or practical, of plastering. Part one will cover lime as a material, the mixes required, the three coat technique, suction control and bonding, counteracting shrinkage and subsequent maintenance, before commencing the scratch coat.

£300.00 for full 6 day course Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Wednesday 27th May 10.00 – 16.00 Introduction to Dry Stone Walling Taster Day Belsay, Northumberland Join James Mason, a Dry Stone Walling Association trainer, for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training in the wonderful setting of the Castle at Belsay, to learn the skills of dry stone walling. This course gives you a firm understanding of the structure of the wall, the types of stone required, how to make repairs and maintain dry stone walls. No experience needed.

£35.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

JUNE

Thursday 4th June 10.00 – 16.00 Northern Maintenance 2009 Partner Event Dunston, Tyne & Wear Come and see the Heritage Skills Initiative stand and speak to staff at the Northern Maintenance 2008 Trade Fair at the Lancastrian Conference Suite, Dunston, Tyne & Wear.

Free Just turn up to come and chat to us

Thursday 4th June 10.00 – 16.00 Uses of Lime (Practical and Lecture) Partner Event Ninebanks Youth Hostel, Northumberland Join Stafford Holmes - the guru of lime - to discover the way lime is burnt, how it is used and the chemistry involved in using lime. This is a practical hands on event with visits to Ouston Lime Kiln and Ninebanks Tower. No experience needed.

£40.00 Bookings only (office hours) North Pennines AONB 01388 528801

Wednesday 10th June 10.00 – 16.00 Introduction to Basic Blacksmithing techniques Taster Day Washington Old Hall, Tyne & Wear Join Adrian Wood, a practising blacksmith, for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training in the wonderful setting of the Washington Old Hall, to learn the basic skills of blacksmithing. This taster day will see you using most of the basic techniques of blacksmithing to produce a decorative hook to take home with you. No experience needed.

£50.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June 10.00 – 16.00 Lime and Hair Plastering Training Course Bowes, County Durham Part 2 - This practical, three part course is split over 6 days in May, June and July and is designed to diversify skills of those who have some experience, either formal or practical, of plastering. Part two will cover the mixes required, the three coat technique, suction control and bonding, counteracting shrinkage and subsequent maintenance, before commencing the floating coat.

£300.00 for full 6 day course Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

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JUNE

Tuesday 23rd June 10.00 – 16.00 Increasing Stonemasonry Skills Training Course Souter Lighthouse, Tyne & Wear Join masons from Classic Masonry for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training, in the wonderful setting of Souter Lighthouse, to learn the basic skills of stonemasonry. This taster day will see you using most of the basic techniques of masonry to produce a decorative sundial to take home with you. No experience needed.

£75.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Thursday 25th June 10.00 – 16.00 Introduction to Lime in Historic Buildings Taster Day Wallington Estate, Northumberland Join Nev Kirby, John Richie, Jason Richie of the National Trust, Ray Stockdale of English Heritage and Tony McNally of Historic Property Restoration for an informal day of exploring the many uses of lime in historic buildings. You will observe an explosive lime slake, have the lime cycle explained, look at different types of lime available and try your hand at pointing, plastering, building and lime washing. No experience needed.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

JULY

Wednesday 1st July 10.00 – 15.30 Pointing repairs on listed structures Taster Day Belsay, Northumberland Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager at English Heritage (North East), for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training in the wonderful setting of the garden at Belsay, to learn the skills of lime pointing. This course gives you an introduction to the need to conserve flora on the wall, the listed wall structure, lime mixture, why lime mortar is used, cutting out techniques, pointing profile, 'knocking back' and maintenance. No experience needed.

£35.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th July 10.00 – 16.00 Lime and Hair Plastering Training Course Bowes, County Durham Part 3 - This practical, three part course is split over 6 days in May, June and July and is designed to diversify skills of those who have some experience, either formal or practical, of plastering. Part three will cover the mixes required, the three coat technique, suction control and bonding, counteracting shrinkage, finishing and subsequent maintenance, before commencing the final or setting coat.

£300.00 for full 6 day course Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Tuesday 21st July 10.00 – 16.00 Historic Orchard Stone Wall Repair Taster Day Ormesby Hall, Cleveland Join the National Trust's Direct Labour team for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training, in the setting of the orchard at Ormesby Hall, to learn the skills of historic wall repair. You will be surveying the wall for damage and identifying areas that require repair before taking down, sorting and sizing material, building and replacing stone and pointing using lime mortar. No experience needed.

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Thursday 23rd July 10.00 – 16.00 Listed Garden Brick Wall Repair Taster Day Wallington, Northumberland Join the National Trust's Direct Labour team for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training, in the setting of the garden at Wallington Hall, to learn the skills of historic wall repair. You will be surveying the wall for damage and identifying areas that require repair, before taking down and cleaning the area, building with brick and pointing using lime mortar. No experience needed.

£35.00 (£50 if completing both days at Wallington) Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Friday 24th July 10.00 – 16.00 Listed Garden Brick Wall Repair Taster Day Wallington, Northumberland Join the National Trust's Direct Labour team for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training, in the setting of the garden at Wallington Hall, to learn the skills of historic wall repair. You will be surveying the wall for damage and identifying areas that require repair, before taking down and cleaning the area, building with brick and pointing using lime mortar. No experience needed.

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JULY

Sunday 26th July 10.00 – 16.00 Dry Stone Walling Taster Sessions Partner Event Ingram, Northumberland Come and try your hand at dry Stone Walling with the team at Northumberland National Park Authorities Traditional Boundaries, Traditional Skills Team. Suitable for complete beginners

Free Book your place by contacting Kevin Malone on kevin.malone@nnpa.org.uk or 01434 344472

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd August 10.00 – 16.00 Dry Stone Walling Taster Sessions Partner Event Walltown, Northumberland Come and try your hand at dry stone walling with the team at Northumberland National Park Authorities, Traditional Boundaries, Traditional Skills Team. Suitable for complete beginners

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Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August 10.00 – 15.30 Advanced Lime Pointing Techniques Training Course Belsay, Northumberland Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager at English Heritage (North East), for two days of practical hands on training, in the wonderful setting of the gardens at Belsay, to develop and hone your skills in lime pointing. This course will give you a firm understanding of the reasons we conserve flora on the wall, the listed wall structure and materials, opportunity to make the lime mixture and ample time to develop your techniques in cutting out, pointing, 'knocking back' and maintenance. Previous basic experience or attendance at the introduction to lime or pointing course is required.

£130.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Tuesday 25th August 10.00 – 16.00 Understanding Sash Windows Taster Day Wallington Estate, Northumberland Join the National Trust's Carpentry team for a fun and informal day of training on the Wallington Estate, to better understand the sash window. You will have an opportunity to see a model sash window, understand how it works, the naming of parts, forms and areas that decay, identify maintenance and repair issues and modern requirements for sash windows. No experience needed.

£35.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Friday 28th – Monday 31st August On the Moors Heritage Skills Festival Special Event Bowes, County Durham Join us for an exciting four day heritage skills festival on Bowes Moor. There will be an unusual European style lime burn over the full four day period and ample opportunities to work with craftspeople on lime pointing, lime plastering, green oak, heather thatching, charcoal burning and blacksmithing (making handmade nails and hinges). There is ample space to camp, or for those of you wanting more comfort we can provide you with a list of local accommodation upon booking. No experience needed.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Saturday 29th August 10.00 – 16.00 3rd Annual 'HandsOn' Heritage Skills Day Special Event Bowes, County Durham As part of the four day heritage skills festival on Bowes Moor we will be providing opportunities for people to have some pre-booked 'taster sessions' in blacksmithing, lime pointing and lime plastering throughout the day. Advance booking is essential for this popular annual event.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd September 14.30 – 16.30 Including Training on your Historic Building Site Lecture Neville Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne Alan Gardner, conservation accredited Chartered Building Surveyor and Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Lethaby Scholar, will discuss how you can provide and specify traditional skills training as part of a schedule of works. There are various levels of training that can be held, from community days to increasing local engagement in your project, through to higher level skills training on specific crafts and professional competencies. Suitable for all.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Wednesday 9th September 10.00 – 15.30 World Heritage Site - Conservation of Ruins Taster Day Black Carts, Hadrians Wall, Northumberland Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager at English Heritage (North East), will show you how to recognise potential dangers to the structure. You will remove vegetation, identify defects and try your hand at non-destructive methods of cleaning masonry, using brushes and spatulas.

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Saturday 12th September 10.00 – 16.00 Developing Stonemasonry Skills Training Course Barnard Castle, County Durham Join Peter Coverdale from P&S Coverdale Masonry Ltd. for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training, in the wonderful setting of Barnard Castle ruins, to develop your skills in stonemasonry. Peter will show you how to transcribe and mark out the pattern on stone to match a real example window in a local church. You will then work the stone, following the markings, and develop the flat design into a 3D piece. No experience needed.

£50.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Wednesday 16th September 10.00 – 15.30 Removal of Cementitious Pointing Training Course Tynemouth Priory, Tyne & Wear This practical one day course, aimed at contractors and specifiers, is led by Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager for English Heritage (North East). During the day you will identify problems caused by cementitious pointing and look at ways of tackling on-going issues. This practical course will give you an opportunity to see problems such as accelerated stone decay through movement of soluble salts, wind erosion and freeze thaw action caused by inappropriate repairs, before examining solutions to tackle such problems whilst maintaining an historic building. Suitable for contractors and specifiers only.

£75.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

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Thursday 24th September HELM - Stop the Rot Workshop Partner Event Venue to be confirmed Please contact Jane Driscoll, HELM Training Assistant, for more information on 01179 750728 (2228) or Jane.DRISCOLL@english-heritage.org.uk

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OCTOBER

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October 10.00 – 16.00 Traditional Brick Walling and Pointing Profiles Training Course Beamish Museum, County Durham Join us for a two day practical hands on course in the historic setting of Beamish Museum, to learn the skills of building a traditional lay brick wall. This course gives you a good knowledge of traditional materials, historic lay technique, correct brickwork detailing for the period and use of lime mortar. No experience needed.

£130.00 Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Monday 5th - Friday 9th October 10.00 – 16.00 Dry Stone Walling Association Level 1 Qualification Training Course Belsay, Northumberland Join James Mason, a Dry Stone Walling Association trainer, for a Level 1 Dry Stone Walling Certificate in the historic surroundings of the Castle at Belsay. This course gives you a firm understanding of the structure of the wall, the types of stone required, how to make repairs and maintain dry stone walls, whilst giving you ample time to practise and hone your skills in readiness for the exam on day 5. You must have attended a dry stone walling taster day previously.

£250.00 plus separate cheque made payable to DSWA for £130 examination fee. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Wednesday 14th October 14.30 – 16.30 Recent Projects Lecture Neville Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne Alan Gardner, conservation accredited Chartered Building Surveyor and Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Lethaby Scholar, will share his experience on some of his recent projects. Subjects covered will include timber decay, structural movement and thermal insulation. Suitable for all.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Wednesday 28th October 14.30 – 16.30 Ruins Conservation Lecture Neville Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne Alan Gardner, conservation accredited Chartered Building Surveyor and Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Lethaby Scholar, will discuss the special needs for and requirements of ruin conservation. The lecture will be illustrated by examples of projects he has undertaken in recent years. Suitable for all.

£10 refundable deposit must be paid at time of booking. Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

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Wednesday 18th November 10.00 – 16.00 Regionwide Action Group and Visit Event Venue to be confirmed The Heritage Skills Initiative facilitates three sub-regional action groups of those working in the heritage sector, education and natural environments, to develop project ideas and plans and create diverse partnership opportunities in the heritage and natural environment. This meeting will identify regional heritage skills activities and projects and will look at a best practice project as a case study. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Free Book your place by filling in the booking form at the rear of the booklet

Other Events

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Weekend Homeowners' Courses

Kingston Lacy, Wimborne, Dorset 6th – 7th June 09 £150

This long established weekend course aims to help owners make informed decisions about the repair of their own property and offers the sort of expert guidance that is often hard to obtain. Speakers with years of practical experience will guide you through a variety of topics including:

- Approach to Repairs
- Coping with Damp
- Timber Repair
- Surfaces & Finishes
- Roofs
- Lime
- Pointing, Plasters & Renders
- Case-studies
- Questions to the Panel



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