

## Dry Stone Walling Training Courses for Beginners

Attached to these notes is a Registration Form for a 2 Day Dry Stone Walling Course for Beginners. Please complete this form with the contact details of the **Trainee**.

There are two ways in which the course fee may be paid – either by cheque or by BACS Transfer (internet banking)

### Preferred Method - Payment by BACS (Internet Banking)

Our Bank account details are contained on the attached Registration Form. **Please use the Trainee's name as the Reference when making payment**, in order that we can correctly identify your payment on our bank statement.

Once payment has been made, please email the completed Registration Form to DSWA Cheshire Branch at [dswacheshire@gmail.com](mailto:dswacheshire@gmail.com)

### Payment by Cheque

If paying by cheque, please post your cheque AND the completed Registration Form to our Treasurer at the address shown on the attached Registration Form. Please provide the email address to which you would like acknowledgement of receipt of payment to be sent.

### Confirmation of Receipt of Payment

Once payment has been confirmed, our Treasurer will confirm receipt by email.

### Course Joining Instructions

The joining instructions for the course will be sent to the Trainee at the email address provided on the Registration Form, around two weeks prior to the course dates. These instructions contain important safety instructions and will also indicate what the Trainee should both wear and bring to the course. The Trainee will be asked to confirm receipt of the joining instructions and that they have been read and understood.

### Age Limit

Please note that owing to insurance restrictions, we are unable to accept trainees who are under the age of 18 years of age at the time of the training course.

### Photographs

By participating in this course, you give your consent for any photographs taken during the course may be used by Cheshire Branch for publicity purposes.

### Contact Us

If you have any questions, please either send an email to [dswacheshire@gmail.com](mailto:dswacheshire@gmail.com) or call Jack Taylor, Branch Secretary, on 07415 107120.



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### Course Description

The object of the course is to teach the basic skills of dry stone walling, over two days, in a safe and convivial atmosphere. No questions from trainees are 'silly' questions, and full participation is encouraged. **A Registration Form should be completed for each individual trainee**, and all communications about the course will be via email. Joining instructions for the course will be sent to each individual trainee, usually a couple of weeks prior to the course, and each individual trainee will be required to confirm that they have 'received, read and understood' their joining instructions.

Trainees will be required to wear strong boots, preferably with reinforced toecaps, and to have a good pair of gloves as the stone can be abrasive. Other tools required will be provided by the Cheshire branch of DSWA. Additionally, it is unlikely that there will be the opportunity to purchase food and drink, so trainees will be instructed to bring sufficient food and drink to last each day of the course.

The course will normally commence around 09:30h on the first day with a safety briefing, after which trainees will go to the training wall. Generally, the wall used for training is a 'working' wall, which means that it is not simply there for the purpose of the course, but is a wall that has been built some time ago, not always to the best standard, and is there to manage livestock. Consequently, the wall must be completely rebuilt before the course ends.

The instructors on the course are qualified by the Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain (DSWA) and must have achieved a Level 2 qualification before they are able to take an Instructors course. Once they have taken these courses, they are allowed to instruct at a training course

In the course, a typical field wall of approximately 1.25m (4 feet) high is taken down, and the stone sorted by size, with the Instructors explaining how this is done safely. Eventually, all of the stone will be removed leaving bare earth, which is manually levelled and compacted by tramping on it.

The next step is to lay the foundation stones upon which the rest of the wall will be built. Once the foundations are laid, the wall is built up to approximately knee high (known as the 'first lift'). At this point, a longer stone (known as a 'Through' stone) will be laid across the wall. After the through stone has been laid, the wall is built to height and the top levelled (known as the 'second lift').

Finally, the coping stones are applied to the wall to complete it.



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### REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the Trainee's contact details below. These will be used solely for the purpose of the Training Course. Full details of the course will be sent to the Trainee by email in the weeks immediately prior to the course.

Course Date	
Location	
Course Fee	

### Please complete using block capitals

Full Name of Trainee	
House Name	
House Number & Street	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Land Line Telephone No.	
Mobile Telephone No.	
Email address	

BACS transfer may be made using internet banking, to the following account, using the Trainee's name as the reference.

Account Name	DSWA Cheshire Branch.
Sort Code	20-02-77
Account No	80786322

After making a BACS payment, please email the completed registration form to...

[dswacheshire@gmail.com](mailto:dswacheshire@gmail.com)

If paying by cheque, please mail the completed Registration Form AND your cheque made out to "DSWA Cheshire Branch" for the course fee to .....

Jack Taylor, Hon. Treasurer,  
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