

Dry stone walling course: Information and sign-up form

Course information

Dates and times: Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 9.30am – 4.30pm both days

Meeting point: The classroom at Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre, Green Lane, Buxton, Sk17 9DH

Course instructors: Ray Mellor and Jon Earnshaw, Derbyshire Dry Stone Walling Association (DSWA).

The course: Derbyshire DSWA offers structured tuition in an informal atmosphere. At the beginning of the course you will meet your instructor at an introductory welcome and briefing. The course teaches the basic principles of dry stone walling, which will involve taking down (stripping out) a derelict or damaged section of wall and rebuilding it to DSWA standards. You can work at your own pace and are not under pressure.

Who is this course for? The courses are open to anyone from 13 to 80+, provided they are reasonably fit and well. Attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Serious injuries in walling are rare, but care is needed when handling and working with stone to avoid back, hand, foot and eye injuries. Your instructor will give safety instruction and guidance.

Facilities: There are toilets available at Poole's Cavern Visitor Centre. We have also booked the classroom to use as a lunch room.

What to do if you can no longer attend: Please let us know if you can no longer attend, so we can offer your place to somebody else. You can contact Will.Ward@buxtoncivicasociation.org.uk to do so.

Cost: Free – being paid for by Green Recovery Challenge Fund grant.

What to bring

- Safety boots / wellingtons with steel toecaps (essential – if you do not have these, we can supply these if we are given enough notice – see below)
- Durable clothing which is suitable for the weather, including waterproofs
- Gloves – we can provide these, but if you would prefer to bring your own, then please do so
- Packed lunch, snacks and hot / cold drinks

Sign-up information

Name	
Email address:	
Contact number:	

Do you have your own safety boots / wellingtons with steel toecaps that you can bring to the course? These must have steel toecaps or the trainer may not allow you to take part in the course.

Yes

No

If no, what size shoes do you wear? We will order these from our supplier so please let us know as soon as possible as we cannot guarantee if your size will be in stock.

On the first day of the course, we will ask you to fill out a form with basic medical information and details of a person who we can contact in case of emergency. If you want to discuss any adjustments we can make to the course that will help you to take part or have any other specific questions, please email

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