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# Welcome to the 2010 Heritage Skills Initiative Training and Events Programme for the North East

**Welcome to the fourth annual Training and Events programme for the North East.**

Come and participate! We have courses for enthusiastic homeowners, professionals wishing to understand practical skills for specifying and for CPD purposes, students wishing to provide evidence towards qualifications and craftspeople looking to diversify and improve their skills.

All courses and events are recognised by the IHBC as providing the CPD requirements of a full member and the training courses may provide evidence towards the NVQ 3 in Heritage Skills and CSCS heritage cards.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our exciting events throughout 2010.

**Andie Harris**, Heritage Skills Coordinator  
Heritage Skills Initiative at North of England Civic Trust

**The Heritage Skills Initiative was set up to promote and raise awareness of heritage skills and to provide practical opportunities for training and taster days.**



## APRIL

**Wednesday 28 April 10.00 – 16.30**  
**Heritage Skills Symposium and**  
**2010 Programme Launch Event**  
**Special Event**

**Brancepeth Castle, Nr Durham**

Join us at the fourth annual heritage skills symposium where you can hear more about projects going on throughout the North East. Hear about the exciting new Engineering Heritage Skills training project, explore the Trowels to the Rescue pilot project examining approaches to heritage at risk, the AONB's great Living North Pennines Project, Natural England's Higher Level Stewardship Scheme and the training undertaken on listed buildings, find out about the new Limestone Landscape project and the exciting skills training undertaken by the Clervaux Trust at Clow Beck amongst others.

*Free. E-mail [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk) for further information and book a place.*



## MAY

**Wednesday 5th May 12.00 – 16.00**  
**Conservation in Progress**  
**Walk and Talk Lecture**

**Nr Gainford, Teesdale**

Join the Architect, engineer and contractor for a walk and talk tour of the works and observe Cintec anchors being installed to stabilise Chapel Bridge at the historic vanished village of Barforth, near Gainford in Teesdale.

*Free. E-mail [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk) for further information and book a place. TBC.*

**Saturday 8th May 10.00 - 16.30**  
**Homeowners Day**  
**Special Event**

**Snods Edge, Shotley Bridge**

Join us for an informative day where owners and custodians of pre 1919 and listed buildings can come and find out more about their properties. Find out about the local building styles and materials, understand why historic buildings are different, dispel the myths about damp and timber treatments, new design solutions in a historic environment and why not only the character of the building but also its surroundings are important.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Tuesday 11 May 8.30 - 10.30**

**Contractors Breakfast Event**

**Special Event**

**Hartlepool, Cleveland**

The conservation, repair and maintenance sector in England is worth around £4.7 billion and the pre-1919 buildings of the North East need the correct knowledge and the right skills for this to be undertaken properly. This event is aimed at contractors, professionals and craftspeople that aspire to work in the historic environment and will concentrate on how to get qualified and accredited and where support and opportunities are regionally.

*Free. For more details and to book your place contact [leanne@cene.org.uk](mailto:leanne@cene.org.uk)*

**Tuesday 11 May 14.00 – 16.00**

**Southern Sub Regional Action Group Event**

**Preston Hall, Stockton**

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.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 12 May 08.30 – 10.30**

**Contractors Breakfast Event**

**Special Event**

**Framwellgate Moor, Durham**

The conservation, repair and maintenance sector in England is worth around £4.7 billion and the pre-1919 buildings of the North East need the correct knowledge and the right skills for this to be undertaken properly. This event is aimed at contractors, professionals and craftspeople that aspire to work in the historic environment and will concentrate on how to get qualified and accredited and where support and opportunities are regionally.

*Free. For more details and to book your place contact [leanne@cene.org.uk](mailto:leanne@cene.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 12 May 14.00 – 16.00**

**Mid Sub Regional Action Group Event**

**Beamish, County Durham**

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**Thursday 13 May 08.30 – 10.30**

**Contractors Breakfast Event**

**Special Event**

**Ashington, Northumberland**

The conservation, repair and maintenance sector in England is worth around £4.7 billion and the pre-1919 buildings of the North East need the correct knowledge and the right skills for this to be undertaken properly. This event is aimed at contractors, professionals and craftspeople that aspire to work in the historic environment and will concentrate on how to get qualified and accredited and where support and opportunities are regionally.

*Free. For more details and to book your place contact [leanne@cene.org.uk](mailto:leanne@cene.org.uk)*

**Thursday 13 May 10.00 – 16.00**

**Consolidating Historic Monuments**

**Partner Event**

**Blanchland, Northumberland**

The North Pennines AONB are pleased to invite you to a day long course offering the opportunity to learn and apply the techniques associated with lime mortars, pointing and the use of soft capping techniques. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

*Free. For more details and to apply for a place contact [Claire Parker on 01388 528801](mailto:Claire Parker on 01388 528801) or [claire@northpenninesaonb.org.uk](mailto:claire@northpenninesaonb.org.uk)*

**Thursday 13 May 14.00 – 16.00**

**Northern Sub Regional Action Group**

**Event**

**Hexham, Northumberland**

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.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Friday 14 May 10.00 – 16.00**

**Consolidating Historic Monuments**

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**Wednesday 19 May 17.00 – 19.00**

## **Principles of Conservation**

### **Lecture**

#### **Northumbria University, Newcastle**

1. Join Alan Gardner for an informative lecture on the principles of conservation and find out why the 'why' is more important than the 'how' in approaching interventions in Historic Buildings. This highly entertaining and knowledgeable lecture is of interest to those who work, or aspire to work in the historic environment and particularly useful to students wishing to enter the sector. This series of lectures also contributes to CPD for IHBC.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Saturday 22 May 10.00 – 17.00**

## **Stencil Day**

### **Partner Event**

#### **Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Learn the basic skills of stencilling and builds to encompass professional techniques. The emphasis is on practical work with demonstration and discussion. You will stencil with various media onto different surfaces. Also includes a tour of The Stencilled Home.

*£69. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Wednesday 26 May 15.00 – 17.00**

## **Craft and Professional Accreditation for Procurement**

### **Special Event**

#### **Central Newcastle, Tyne & Wear**

An event aimed at conservational professionals. Join John Edwards of English Heritage, Seamus Hanna of Construction Skills and Andie Harris of the Heritage Skills Initiative for an information session which will explain the current accreditation schemes for crafts and professionals. The session aims to increase understanding of accreditation and influence procurement of the skills necessary to repair and maintain pre 1919 building stock.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 26 May 19.00 - 21.30**

## **Tours of the Stencilled Home**

### **Partner Event**

#### **Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Stocksfield Hall is the home of three artists. Their decorative styles are diverse but all use stencils to create distinctive surface finishes within the house. Walls, floors, furniture and fabrics have been transformed with paint and imagination. Fourteen stencilled rooms are visited on the tour, techniques are explained and questions are welcomed. The tour breaks for refreshment and various stencilling techniques are demonstrated. The tour lasts for two and a half hours.

*£8. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*



**Thursday 27 May 12.00 – 16.00**

**Masonry Repairs**

**Walk and Talk Lecture**

**Nr Gainford, Teesdale**

Join the Architect and contractor for a walk and talk tour of the works and observe the masonry repair works being undertaken at St Lawrence's Chapel in the historic vanished village of Barforth, near Gainford in Teesdale.

*Free. E-mail [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk) for further information and book a place. TBC.*

**Saturday 29 May 13.30 – 17.30**

**Make a Stencilled, Gilded Mirror**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Create a decorative mirror finish on a framed acrylic panel. You will explore stencilling reverse colour onto a transparent surface before gilding it. Also includes a tour of The Stencilled Home. A unique water gilding process and metal leaf will be employed. This technique can transform flat glass or acrylic into a silver leaf effect mirror suitable for wall panels and furniture. The mirror frame will be decorated using different gilding process.

*£50. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**JUNE**

**Wednesday 2 June 10.15 – 13.00**

**Repairs to a Bastle at Risk**

**Walk and Talk Lecture**

**Otterburn, Northumberland**

Join the archaeologist, architect and contractor for a short introduction to the project before commencing to the bastle for a walk and talk tour of the works and observe the works being undertaken in the wild surroundings of Otterburn moor.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Thursday 3 June 10.00 – 16.00**

**ABE Northern Regional Exhibition Event**

**Federation Brewery, Gateshead**

Come and chat to the Heritage Skills Initiative and National Trust staff at our stand at the ABE annual Northern Regional Exhibition.

*Free. Just come and introduce yourself to us at our stand with the National Trust.*



**Thursday 3 - Sunday 6 June**

**Georgian Spring Fair**

**Partner Event**

**Beamish Museum, County Durham**

A recreation of the hustle and bustle of a Georgian Spring Fair at Beamish. Enjoy a short guided walk through the Georgian landscape; see labourers at work in the fields and the workers for hire. Watch traditional craftsmen demonstrating their skills and meet trinket sellers and strolling entertainers.

**Saturday 5 June 12.00 – 17.00**

**Green Festival**

**Event**

**Leazes Park, Newcastle**

Come along to the Green Festival and enjoy a fun day, meet the Heritage Skills Initiative staff and participate in some heritage crafts. Have a go at blacksmithing, lime plastering, stone masonry and watch an explosive lime slake and see how sash windows are made.

*Free. Just come along and participate.*

**Sunday 6 June 12.00 – 17.00**

**Green Festival**

**Event**

**Leazes Park, Newcastle**

Come along to the Green Festival and enjoy a fun day, meet the Heritage Skills Initiative staff and participate in some heritage crafts. Have a go at blacksmithing, lime plastering, stone masonry and watch an explosive lime slake and see how sash windows are made.

*Free. Just come along and participate.*

**Saturday 12 June 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Lime Pointing**

**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 on a listed structure in the fabulous setting of Belsay Hall. This course will give you a solid introduction to the need for conserving flora on the wall, the importance of the listed structure, lime mixes, why lime mortar is used, cutting out techniques, appropriate pointing profile, 'knocking back' and maintenance. No experience required.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 16 June 10.00 – 16.00**

**Stone Lecture and Practical**

**Lecture & Taster Day**

**Central Newcastle, Tyne & Wear**

Join Mike Moody of Historic Property Restoration Ltd. and Classic Masonry for an interesting CPD seminar. Covering local stones, the application of stone in both modern and historic buildings, a practical demonstration of stone cutting followed by a presentation on the application and use of stone in building.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 June**  
**10.00 – 16.00**

**Lime Plastering Master Class**

**Training Course**

**Weardale, County Durham**

Part 1 - This practical, three part course is split over six days in June, July and August 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 and why it's different to modern techniques, suction control and bonding, dealing with shrinkage and subsequent maintenance, before commencing the scratch coat. This course will provide evidence towards modules of the Heritage Skills NVQ3 in Plastering Occupations. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course.

*£350 for full 6 day course. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 23 June 10.00 – 16.00**

**Lime Pointing**

**Taster Day**

**Nr Gainford, Teesdale**

This one-day course with Gary Simpson is an informal day of practical hands on training on an at risk structure in the fabulous setting of the historic vanished village of Barforth, near Gainford in Teesdale. This course will give you a solid introduction to the importance of the listed structure, lime mixes, why lime mortar is used, cutting out techniques, appropriate pointing profile, 'knocking back' and maintenance. No experience required.

*Free. E-mail [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk) for further information and book a place. TBC. Can we make the TBC red?*

**Thursday 24 June 09.00 – 11.00**

**Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme Event**

**Special Event**

**Central Newcastle, Tyne & Wear**

Join Clara Willett, the Bursary Scheme manager to find out more about opportunities to host a placement through the bursary scheme. Find out about the scheme; benefits of having a placement, how the scheme works, what happens throughout the placement, discuss success stories and find out how to start.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Saturday 26 June 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Dry Stone Walling**

**Taster Day**

**Weardale, County Durham**

Join James Mason, a Dry Stone Walling Association trainer, for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training with wonderful views over Weardale. This course gives you a firm understanding of the structure of the wall, types of stone required, how to make repairs and maintain dry stone walls. No experience required.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 30 June 17.00 – 19.00**

**Including Training on your Historic Building Site**

**Lecture**

**Northumbria University, Newcastle**

2. 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. The lecture will show how a variety of training can be undertaken from community days to master crafts and professional training. This lecture is of interest to those who work, or aspire to work in the historic environment and particularly useful to students wishing to enter the sector. This series of lectures also contributes to CPD for IHBC.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**JULY**

**Saturday 3 July 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Lead Hopper Heads**

**Taster Day**

**Seaton Delaval, Northumberland**

Join Brendan Teasdale of Team Force for a practical and informative day and to try your hand at making and shaping a lead hopper head in the wonderful surroundings of the National Trusts newest acquisition, Seaton Delaval.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 7 July 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Traditional Roofing**

**Taster Day**

**Warkworth, Northumberland**

Spend a day in Warkworth looking at the different roof structures and materials with Ray Stockdale of English Heritage and Brendan Teasdale of Team Force then spend some time undertaking practical work in the historic surroundings of Warkworth Castle and put the knowledge you have gained into practice.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Wednesday 7 July 19.00 – 21.30**

**Tours of the Stencilled Home**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Stocksfield Hall is the home of three artists. Their decorative styles are diverse but all use stencils to create distinctive surface finishes within the house. Walls, floors, furniture and fabrics have been transformed with paint and imagination. Fourteen stencilled rooms are visited on the tour, techniques are explained and questions are welcomed. The tour breaks for refreshment and various stencilling techniques are demonstrated. The tour lasts for two and a half hours.

*£8. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Saturday 10 July 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Blacksmithing**

**Taster Day**

**Thornaby, Cleveland**

Spend the day with Adrian Wood, Artist Blacksmith learning the basic skills of a blacksmith for a fun and informative practical day. This taster day will see you utilise most of the basic techniques used in the craft and by the end of the day you will have created a number of pieces to take home with you.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 July**

**10.00 – 16.00**

**Lime Plastering Master Class**

**Training Course**

**Weardale, County Durham**

Part 2 - This practical, three part course is split over six days in June, July and August and is designed to diversify the 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, dealing with shrinkage and subsequent maintenance, before commencing the floating coat. This course will provide evidence towards modules of the Heritage Skills NVQ3 in Plastering Occupations. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course.

*£350 for full 6 day course. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 July  
10.00 – 16.00**

**Lime Pointing Masterclass  
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 Belsay, to develop and hone your skills in lime pointing. This course will give you a firm understanding of the reasons why we conserve flora in the listed garden wall, the wall structure and materials and opportunities to mix the lime mortar. You will have ample time to develop your techniques in cutting out, pointing, knocking back and maintenance. Trowel skills are required or previous attendance at the introduction to lime or lime pointing courses is required. This course will provide evidence towards modules of the Heritage Skills NVQ3 in Masonry Occupations. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course.

*£100 for the 2 days. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Saturday 24 July 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Stonemasonry  
Taster Day**

**Souter Lighthouse, Tyne & Wear**

Join the masons from Classic Masonry for a fun and informal day of practical hands on training in the scenic surroundings of Souter Lighthouse and to learn to use the stone mason's tools. This taster day will see you using a variety of techniques to produce a decorative stone sundial to take home with you. No experience required.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



# AUGUST

**Tuesday 3 August 10.00 – 16.00**

## **Conservation Principles and Overview**

### **Walk and Talk Lecture and Practical Lindisfarne Priory, Northumberland**

Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager at English Heritage (North East) for a wonderful day at Lindisfarne Priory. Looking at one of the buildings on site, Ray will talk you through the principles of conservation in relation to the building and then you will get an opportunity to undertake some practical conservation work on the structure such as lime pointing and soft capping. A great opportunity to put principles into practice at an amazing historic site. You may also be interested in the lecture on 13 October on Ruins Conservation in Newcastle.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Sunday 8 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.

*Free. Book your place by contacting Kevin at [kevin.malone@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:kevin.malone@nnpa.org.uk) or 01434 344472*

**Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 July**

**10.00 – 16.00**

## **Lime Plastering Master Class Training Course**

### **Weardale, County Durham**

Part 3 - This practical, three part course is split over six days in June, July and August and is designed to diversify the skills of those who have some experience, either formal or practical, of plastering. Part three will cover lime as a material, the mixes required, the three coat technique and why it's different to modern techniques, suction control and bonding, dealing with shrinkage, finishing and subsequent maintenance, before commencing the final or setting coat. This course will provide evidence towards modules of the Heritage Skills NVQ3 in Plastering Occupations. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course.

*£350 for full 6 day course. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Wednesday 11 August 19.00 – 21.30**

**Tours of the Stencilled Home**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

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*£8. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Saturday 14 August 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Pole Lathe Turning**

**Taster Day**

**Clow Beck, Nr Darlington**

Join Chris Helliwell for a great day pole lathe turning. Learn about the traditional tools, the techniques used and then have a go yourself. By the end of the day you will have experienced the basic techniques, the correct way of using tools and made an item to take home with you. No experience required.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Sunday 15 August 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 at [kevin.malone@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:kevin.malone@nnpa.org.uk) or 01434 344472*

**Wednesday 18 August 10.00 – 16.00**

**Understanding Sash and Box**

**Windows**

**Taster Day**

**Wallington Estate, Northumberland**

Join Reg Chaplin of the National Trust's carpentry team for an informal day of training on the Wallington Estate. Reg will take you through the structure of the window on a model, naming of parts, identifying areas that decay, understand maintenance and repair issues and take part in some basic repair on windows in situ. This session is ideal for home owners and specifiers who deal with the issue of keeping traditional windows in historic buildings. No experience needed.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 25 August 10.00 – 16.00**

**Consolidation & Bedding Masterclass**  
**Training Course**

**Ray, Northumberland**

Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager at English Heritage (North East) undertaking consolidation and bedding works on a structure as part of the North of England's Civic Trust project Trowels to the Rescue. This practical day will give you a good understanding of the challenges facing both contractors and specifiers when facing heritage at risk and ways of dealing with some of the issues arising. This course will provide evidence towards modules of the Heritage Skills NVQ3 in Masonry Occupations. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course. You may also be interested in the lecture on 13 October on Ruin Conservation in Newcastle.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Saturday 28 August 10.00 – 16.00**

**Dry Stone Walling competition**  
**Partner Event**

**St. Johns Chapel, County Durham**

Enter the open dry stone walling competition at St Johns Chapel Agricultural Show.

*For more information contact James on [jimthewall@hotmail.com](mailto:jimthewall@hotmail.com) or 07787 733369*

**Tuesday 31 August - 2 September**  
**10.00 – 16.00**

**Lead Hopper Masterclass**  
**Training Course**

**Seaton Delaval, Northumberland**

Join Brendan Teasdale of Team Force to undertake practical training in the wonderful surroundings of the National Trusts newest acquisition, Seaton Delaval. You will learn about the material, the types of tools, how to use them correctly, forms and then making and shaping a lead hopper head.

*£250 for the 3 days. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

## SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 2 - Sunday 5 September**

**Great North Steam Fair**

**Partner Event**

**Beamish Museum, County Durham**

Relive the golden days of steam. Visiting locomotives are in steam at the Beamish Railway Station and Colliery and much more besides. With vintage vehicles, steam rollers traction engines, stationary engines, the magnificent colliery winding engine and guest appearances of fabulous machines.

**Sunday 5 September 12.00 – 16.00**

**Hartlepool Countryside  
Heritage Festival**

**Event**

**Summerhill, Hartlepool**

Come along to the Hartlepool Countryside Heritage Festival at Summerhill and enjoy a fun day, meet the Heritage Skills Initiative and take part in the activities and watch other attractions such as the falcon displays, bee keeping and traditional crafts.

*Free. Just come along and participate.*

**Tuesday 7 September 10.00 – 16.00**

**Soft Capping of Ruins Masterclass  
Training Course**

**Ray, Northumberland**

Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager at English Heritage (North East) undertaking soft capping works on a structure as part of the North of England's Civic Trust project Trowels to the Rescue. This practical day will give you a good understanding of the process and reasons for undertaking this kind of work. This course is beneficial to both contractors and specifiers allowing you to actively undertake the work and ask questions. You may also be interested in the lecture on 13 October on Ruin Conservation in Newcastle.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Monday 13 - Friday 17 September  
10.00 – 16.00**

**Stonemasonry Masterclass  
Training Course**

**Weardale, County Durham**

Join masons from Historic Property Restoration Ltd on a live project to undertake repair and consolidation, deep tamping, fixing and lime pointing to a Georgian farmhouse. This course will provide evidence towards modules of the Heritage Skills NVQ3 in Stone Masonry. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course.

*£400 for the 5 days. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 15 September 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Lime in  
Historic Buildings**

**Taster Day**

**Wallington Estate, Northumberland**

Join National Trust, English Heritage and Historic Property Restoration specialists for this popular course, now in its fourth year. Explore the many uses of lime in historic buildings. Observe an explosive lime slake, have the lime cycle explained, look at different limes available, try your hand at pointing, plastering, building and painting using lime. A great course for home owners, contractors and specifiers wishing to understand more about traditional materials. No experience required.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Thursday 16 - Sunday 19 September**

**Beamish Agricultural Show**

**Partner Event**

**Beamish Museum, County Durham**

Enjoy a traditional agricultural show and experience all things rural. With demonstrations of ploughing, country crafts and agricultural machinery alongside displays of 'fur and feather', livestock and industry classes.

**Saturday 18 September 10.00 – 16.00**

**Introduction to Stone Carving**

**Taster Day**

**Barnard Castle, Teesdale**

Join Peter Coverdale, master stonemason for a day of ancient cup and ring carving inspired by the Gainford Stone which will be on display throughout the day. This event is run by HSI as part of the Archaeology and the Arts project at Bowes Museum.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Sunday 19 September 10.00 – 17.00**

**Stencil Day**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Learn the basic skills of stencilling and builds to encompass professional techniques. The emphasis is on practical work with demonstration and discussion. You will stencil with various media onto different surfaces. Also includes a tour of The Stencilled Home.

*£69. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Monday 20 September 09.30 – 17.30**

**Stencilled Persian Carpet Style Panel**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

This course will give you the experience in stencilling and using metal leaf. Masking, measuring, colour and cornering techniques are explored. This Ottoman inspired panel lends itself to many classic and contemporary interpretations, once you know how.

*£85. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Tuesday 21 - Thursday 23 September**

**10.00 – 16.00**

**Blacksmithing Masterclass**

**Training Course**

**Thornaby, Cleveland**

Join Adrian Wood, artistic blacksmith, for a practical three day course to develop your blacksmithing skills. The course will see you developing skills in fire welding, punching, tenons and riveting in the production of a designed gate. You will be given an evidence pack to complete by the end of the course.

*£150 for the 3 days. To book contact [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Tuesday 21 September 09.30 – 17.30**

**Make an Opulent Velvet Panel**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Stencil with metallic colours onto cotton velvet to create a sumptuous looking panel. Stencilling techniques learned will include pattern repeats, layering colours, mitring corners and measuring. The panel is a good size for a wall hanging, large floor cushion, small throw or table cover.

*£85. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Wednesday 22 September 19.00 – 21.30**

**Tours of the Stencilled Home**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Stocksfield Hall is the home of three artists. Their decorative styles are diverse but all use stencils to create distinctive surface finishes within the house. Walls, floors, furniture and fabrics have been transformed with paint and imagination. Fourteen stencilled rooms are visited on the tour, techniques are explained and questions are welcomed. The tour breaks for refreshment and various stencilling techniques are demonstrated. The tour lasts for two and a half hours.

*£8. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*

**Thursday 23 September 13.30 – 17.30**

**Make a Stencilled, Gilded Mirror**

**Partner Event**

**Stocksfield, Northumberland**

Create a decorative mirror finish on a framed acrylic panel. You will explore stencilling reverse colour onto a transparent surface before gilding it. Also includes a tour of The Stencilled Home. A unique water gilding process and metal leaf will be employed. This technique can transform flat glass or acrylic into a silver leaf effect mirror suitable for wall panels and furniture. The mirror frame will be decorated using different gilding process.

*£50. For further information and to book your place contact [info@stencil-library.com](mailto:info@stencil-library.com)*



# OCTOBER

**Monday 4 - Friday 8 October**

**10.00 – 16.00**

## **Dry Stone Walling Level 1 Certificate**

### **Accredited Training Course**

#### **Weardale, County Durham**

Join James Mason, Dry Stone Walling accredited trainer for a course that will assist you to develop a firm understanding of the structure of the wall, types of stone used, vernacular design, how to make repairs and how to maintain dry stone walls whilst giving you ample time to practice and hone your skills in readiness for your examination on day five. You must have attended a dry stone walling taster day previously.

*£250 for 5 days (£130 examination fee for DSWA on top of this)*

*Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Wednesday 13 October 17.00 – 19.00**

## **Ruins Conservation**

### **Lecture**

#### **Northumbria University, Newcastle**

3. Join Alan Gardner for an informative lecture on the conservation of ruins and discuss the special needs for and requirements of ruin conservation. This highly entertaining and knowledgeable lecture is of interest to those who work, or aspire to work in the historic environment and particularly useful to students wishing to enter the sector. This series of lectures also contributes to CPD for IHBC.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Wednesday 13 October 19.00 – 21.30**

## **Tours of the Stencilled Home**

### **Partner Event**

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**Wednesday 20 October 14.00 – 16.00**

**Stone Repair Works**

**Walk and Talk Lecture**

**Dunstanburgh Castle, Northumberland**

Join Ray Stockdale, Technical Manager for English Heritage (North East) on this tour of Dunstanburgh Castle. This visit will examine past interventions and discuss current works and techniques used to ensure the stability and maintenance of the structure. A great opportunity for discussion and identification of stone repair works in situ.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Saturday 23 October 10.00 – 16.00**

**HandsOn Heritage Skills**

**Special Event**

**Souter Lighthouse, Tyne & Wear**

Join us for the fourth annual HandsOn Heritage Skills day where you get an opportunity to have a go at a number of traditional craft skills in the great surroundings of Souter Lighthouse. Places must be booked in advance.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**Tuesday 26 - Friday 29 October**

**10.00 – 16.00**

**Sash/Box Windows Masterclass**

**Training Course**

**Wallington Estate, Northumberland**

Join Reg Chaplin of the National Trust's carpentry team for a packed four days where you understand all the parts of a sash/box window. You will go to site, measure for new windows then return to the workshop and under the expert tuition of Reg you will make the frame with all of the fittings in readiness for the sashes to be glazed and placed within the property. A great course for those with good woodworking skills to make a traditional window from beginning to end.

*£200 for 4 days. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Wednesday 27 October 14.00 – 16.00**

**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 hard 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. You will then examine solutions to tackle such problems whilst maintaining an important historic building. Suitable for those with good trowel skills and specifiers only.

*£50. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*

**NOVEMBER**

**Wednesday 3 November 12.00 – 16.00**

**Regional Action Group get together 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 to create diverse partnership opportunities in this sector. This is the gathering of the three sub-regional groups to look at some of the successes of the year tied in with a visit to one of the projects that have included heritage skills training. Great networking opportunity.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



**Wednesday 3 November 17.00 – 19.00**

## **Surface Finishes**

### **Lecture**

**Northumbria University, Newcastle**

4. Join Alan Gardner, conservation-accredited Chartered Building Surveyor and Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Lethaby Scholar, for a journey through historic paints. The lecture will cover paint types, the naming of parts, how the paints are made, what's in them and the issues surrounding their use. This lecture is of interest to those who work, or aspire to work in the historic environment and particularly useful to students wishing to enter the sector. This series of lectures also contributes to CPD for IHBC.

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**Wednesday 3 November 19.00 – 21.30**

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# DECEMBER

**Wednesday 1 December 17.00 – 19.00**

## **Recent Projects**

### **Lecture**

#### **Northumbria University, Newcastle**

5. 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.

This lecture is of interest to those who work, or aspire to work in the historic environment and particularly useful to students wishing to enter the sector. This series of lectures also contributes to CPD for IHBC. The final lecture in the series and final HSI event of 2010.

*Free. Book your place by contacting [skills@nect.org.uk](mailto:skills@nect.org.uk)*



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NE1 4XN

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If the course is cancelled by the Heritage Skills Initiative we will refund you in full.

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If you cancel a booking 4 weeks in advance of the start date of the course we will refund your fee in full.

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