



Dry Stone Walling

Date 1 June / 26 Aug 2021

10am – 4 pm

Cost - £75 includes some great tuition, a stunning venue and a tasty two course lunch with home baked bread and cake. Tea/coffee throughout the day

If you have any special access/food or disability requirements, please contact us by email: info@farmpods.co.uk

Course Description:

Enjoy a great day out in the countryside on our Lakeland farm learning traditional dry stone walling skills from an experienced and friendly tutor who will explain the process. You will learn the basic principles; sorting stone, building foundations and helping to construct a section of wall, developing your confidence as you go. A great introduction to the heritage and ancient rural craft of building walls using only the stone in the field.

You need to be reasonably fit and well for the course. If you have any health concerns, please contact us prior to the workshop. Serious injuries whilst walling are rare, but care must be taken when handling and working with stone to avoid back, hand, feet and eye injuries. Your tutor will give you safety instruction and guidance.

Our workshops have public liability insurance to cover workshop members for third party risks. Course participants should arrange their own personal insurance if they feel this is relevant.

Richard Halliday studied Wildlife Management at the University of Central Lancashire. He set up his own business in 2006 working as a Stone mason, building and mending traditional Lakeland Dry Stone walls and using his expertise in stone masonry for a wide variety of building projects. Richard & his team have built/mended many of the walls on the farm. Richard is passionate about his skills and loves working out in the countryside.

What to bring

To help you enjoy the event we advise you to wear suitable clothing and be aware that weather conditions can change.

- We recommend steel cap boots but people have used sturdy walking boots
- Old work clothes – long trousers, T-shirt/similar and long sleeved shirt to protect against dust and mud. Further layers if cold and a robust jacket and over-trousers (in case of poor/wet weather).
- Sunscreen and a sun hat if the sun is out!
- Strong, protective gloves are essential. PVC types are good for wet conditions. Thin cotton/suede gardening gloves will not last & are not suitable for stone work
- You may want to bring kneepads (available at DIY stores) or a garden kneeler.