

**The Bill Hogarth MBE Memorial
Apprenticeship Trust**

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**Woodland Pioneers
Introduction to
Coppicing Week**



14th - 18th September 2015

**Staveley in Cartmel
Newby Bridge, Cumbria**
Courtesy of Sir John Fisher Foundation

Cost £195-£270

**5 days of inspiring traditional
woodland craft training taught by
experienced professional craft tutors
held in a beautiful Cumbrian woodland**

This week has been made possible by the generous financial support of: The Headley Trust, Small Woods Association, BHMAT and support in kind from Cumbria Woodlands. Our thanks to the Sir John Fisher Foundation.

Woodland Pioneers

Bill Hogarth MBE (1928-1999) was a coppice merchant who spent most of his life working the woods in South Cumbria. The memorial trust (BHMAT) was set up in 2000 to continue his work by promoting coppicing through an apprenticeship training scheme. Now extended to a National Coppice Apprenticeship Scheme, in partnership with Small Woods Association, 34 people have benefited from the training. In 2016, BHMAT hopes to offer two placements.

We run an industry-led apprenticeship training that is recognised as the first of its kind in the UK. The 3 year training leads to the Bill Hogarth Coppice Diploma.

The Woodland Pioneers course is open to anyone interested in learning about coppicing. For those wishing to apply for the BHMAT apprenticeship training it is essential that you attend the full course.

A 'certificate of attainment' will be available on request for those who have completed a Woodland Pioneers week (cost £25).

Please note that you need a certificate (from either Woodland Pioneers or Small Woods' Week in the Woods) if you wish to apply for the apprenticeship.

Our Woodland Pioneers week is a break-even event. Any additional donation to help BHMAT with costs and its apprenticeship programme would be very much appreciated.

Woodland Pioneers programme:

For those new to Woodland Pioneers, from Monday to Thursday there will be four one-day introductory woodcraft workshops. You will be assigned a group and stay with them as you undertake a new skill each day. The evenings are normally busy with talks, presentations, quizzes and a barbeque night. Music usually features at some point so bring your instruments!

Four 1-day workshops for newcomers:

Treen with Twiggy:

BHMAT graduate, sponsor and experienced coppicer Twiggy will teach you the skills required to create a range of small wooden products including clothes pegs, spatulas and 'gypsy roses'.



Riven oak panels with Owen Jones MBE:



Owen Jones is the country's only full-time oak swill basket maker and was awarded an MBE for services to basketry in 2014. In this workshop you will work as a team to produce a beautiful riven oak fence panel.

**Coppicing with Sam Ansell &
James Benson:**

Sam (BHMAT graduate) and James (local, experienced coppicer) will teach you basic coppicing skills including felling, dressing out, sorting and bundling produce, and protecting cut stools from animal browsing.



Greenwood stools with Lorna Singleton: BHMAT graduate and Trustee Lorna will be giving instruction in using traditional tools to enable you to create a unique and beautiful greenwood stool.

Advanced workshops

If you have attended WP before, Mon-Thurs you can choose to attend EITHER the 2 2-day courses OR the 1 4-day course below:

The 2 2-day courses:

Pole-lathe with

Maurice Pyle:

Maurice (BHMAT Trustee & sponsor) will teach you the correct use of tools such as the skew chisel, ferret, sizing gauge and ring tool so that you can produce projects such as tool handles and chair legs. Some pole lathe experience would be helpful but is not essential.



The 1 tree challenge with

James Mitchell:

James (BHMAT's first ever graduate) will lead you in this challenge to make as many products from 1 tree as you can in the 2 days you have on this workshop.

The 1 4-day course:

A new picnic table for the village hall with Ian Taylor

Learn/practice the skills of splitting, cleaving, adzing, whittling and more as you work together to make a new picnic table and benches for the village hall. Led by Ian - BHMAT Secretary, sponsor and WP veteran.

Friday Workshops:

Friday is an open day with various short woodcraft workshops including hazel hurdles, willow work and tool sharpening. If you are only able to make one day, come along on Friday - please note that to participate in these workshops you will need to register - call for details.



Course details

Course venue: Chapel House Woods are owned by the Sir John Fisher Foundation who sponsored the training allowance for our first two apprentices. All workshops and lunches are on site. There is a hall adjacent to the wood where we serve evening meals and gather for organised and impromptu evening events. The hall boasts the comforts of toilets, a shower and central heating!

Camping: Pitches on site (or local B&B's if you prefer to arrange this).

Food: Food will be provided. The cost of a soup and bread lunch is included in your fee. Breakfast and an evening meal will be available at reasonable rates (£1.50-£5) and we encourage you to join us for all your meals.

Tools: Tools and essential protective clothing are provided. Bring work clothes and stout footwear suitable for a week in the woods in all weathers.

BHMAT and our tutors take every precaution to ensure your safety. General site safety is outlined on arrival and tutors provide specific health and safety information relevant to their workshop. We need to know of any special medical condition or medication that might compromise your safety or that of others. We provide First Aid cover, with qualified First Aiders on site. Disability access is very limited on site, so please talk with us about any specific needs before you book on the course. We prefer you not to bring dogs. Exceptions may be made if they are very well behaved or guide dogs.

Fees: The fee for the week includes tuition, materials, lunch and tea/coffee during workshops. Breakfast and evening meals are extra.

Booking Information

To book on Woodland Pioneers, complete the attached booking form and send with a cheque or postal order for £195-£270 (please pay as much as you can afford) made payable to 'Bill Hogarth MBE Memorial Apprenticeship Trust' to: BHMAT, Crag View, Dixon's Field, Carnforth, LA5 9JN. Tel: 01524 720292/07884332391 Email: info@coppiceapprentice.org.uk Alternatively, if you would like to book online and pay via PayPal, please go to our website: www.coppiceapprentice.org.uk

Cancellations: If you need to cancel after you have paid the course fee, please note the following cancellation charges:
£10 up to 31st July.
£40 up to 28th August.
No refund available after 28th August.
If we cancel, for whatever reason, we will return all course fees sent to us.

A telephone booking will be held for 5 days.

How to find us: Directions to find the venue will be sent with other information about two weeks before the course starts.

Concessions: If you are unable to afford the course fee we might, in certain circumstances, be able to help so give us a call.

Disappointed that you can't make this course? Please still contact us and let us know of your interest in our apprenticeship scheme and/or Trust.



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- Pole-lathe + 1 tree challenge + Fri
- Picnic bench + Fri

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Date of Birth:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

E-mail address:

Please indicate method of payment:

- cheque
- postal order
- PayPal

Please indicate the amount you are paying as your course fee:

Are you interested in the apprenticeship: Yes/No

Would you like a certificate of attainment?
(If so, please add £25 to your fee): Yes/No

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