

OPEN TO BEGINNERS AND
IMPROVERS
INCLUDES WOODLAND CAMPING
AND CATERING

WEEKEND IN THE WOODS 2025

17th & 18th May



Where to go...

Silverhelme Activity Centre

The Row, Silverdale, Nr.
Carnforth.

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How to book...

Please book your tickets by following the link on:
<http://coppicenorthwest.org.uk>

Any questions please get in touch with us via:
bookings.canw@gmail.com

What to Expect...

Coppice Association
North West invites you
to spend a **Weekend in
the Woods** again in
2025 with
experienced,
professional tutors to
learn traditional crafts.

Each day will have
courses running from
9am to
5pm, camp in the
beautiful woods and
enjoy complimentary
meals: breakfast &
vegetarian lunch.

(BYOB and instruments
for the Campfire on
Saturday night!)



ENJOY LEARNING INSPIRING
TRADITIONAL CRAFTS IN A BEAUTIFUL
SOUTH LAKELAND WOODLAND.

WHAT IS IT?

For over 20 years, the Coppice Association North West has run our Weekend in the Woods, a weekend of traditional craft workshops set within a beautiful woodland in South Lakeland.

Workshops are led by experienced, professional tutors and run from 9am to 5pm each day. Some workshops carry a small, additional charge for materials.

There are a few workshops to choose from, have a read through, then book your ticket online. If you have any questions, just get in touch.

BECOME A MEMBER

Although Weekend in the Woods is open to Members and Non-Members, it's a great time to sign up and join us. With a discounted price for Weekend in the Woods and the chance to meet many of our other members, as well as regular meetups throughout the year, membership is open to ALL, wherever they may be, who wish to support the aims of CANW.

There is no restriction on the nature of Members' interests. They can be craft workers, charcoal makers, conservationists, coppice merchants, woodland owners, or just wood lovers who care about the future of our broadleaved woodlands and want to help promote them.



MEET THE TUTORS



OWEN JONES

WELSH FRAME BASKETS (CYNTELL)

The cyntell is a round frame basket - a hazel hoop, split osier ribs and woven with basket willow.

During this course, we will cover all aspects of this classic frame basket. No previous experience is necessary but it will require two full days for everyone to complete their own basket

MAX 6 **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS COST £15**



MEET THE TUTORS



TONY FROM MORGAN LEATHER LEATHER TOOL SHEATHS

Bring along your billhook, axe, drawknife or other woodland tool and I'll help you make a sturdy leather sheath for it.

Depending on the complexity of the item we will stitch or rivet the leather together.

There may also be time to make more than one sheath.

MAX 6 ADDITIONAL MATERIALS COST £5 - £30



MEET THE TUTORS



SHANNON BERRY

BOWL TURNING

Join us for a hands-on pole-lathe turning workshop, where you'll create your own bowl to take away. This foot-powered method requires focus and energy, offering a rewarding journey into traditional woodworking.

You'll learn material selection, wood preparation, and how to turn on a pole lathe. Emphasis will be on safe technique, process, and the joy of working with green wood.

MAX 5

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS COST £5



MEET THE TUTORS



JANE BRADLEY **BAG MAKING WITH ENGLISH RUSHES**

Learn how to weave with this fabulous natural basketry material.

Make a bag over the weekend using lots of different techniques.

Beginners welcome.



MAX 8

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS COST £10



MEET THE TUTORS



MATT WHITTAKER BEGINNERS BLACKSMITHING

On this course you will first become familiar with hand cranked charcoal hearths on which you will heat up the steel to be forged.

Matt will then take you through the basics of forging your own items, starting off with a small S-hook, then moving onto more demanding coat hooks.

After lunch we move onto bottle openers which use your new skills to the full.

MAX 6

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS COST £20

Day two starts with a coat hook warmup to refresh the mind and body. Then the day moves onto larger projects such as decorative fire pokers and toasting forks.



MEET THE TUTORS



SAM ANSELL **WESTMORLAND PANELS**

Learn the arts of splitting, twisting and coaxing hazel rods to make a beautiful woven panel in a traditional regional style.

Sam will teach the traditional heritage craft of Hazel Hurdle making through the smaller Westmoreland Panel construction. A bit easier to take away with you, yet all the techniques you need to succeed.

MAX 6

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS COST £20



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DURING THE WEEKEND

You are welcome to arrive and set up camp from 5pm.

Registration will open at 8am alongside breakfast, opening talk around 9am with courses to start soon after.

It's a Weekend in the Woods tradition to have a fireside gathering on the Saturday night. Please bring your instruments, voices and anything else you might need!



CAMPING AND FACILITIES

You have a choice to camp in the fields or woods. The fields are accessible by car to drop your kit off.

There are awesome blocks of toilets, showers and outside sinks beside the lodge.

No dogs are permitted on site.



WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

Waterproofs and sturdy footwear are essential. Please also bring a bowl, plate, mug and cutlery and some warm clothes. If you are camping, then appropriate equipment including a torch will be useful.

COMING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We encourage public transport or lift shares if you can!

Silverdale Train Station is a 0.4 mile walk from SilverHelme. There are regular direct trains to & from Lancaster and easy access to Arnside, Grange and beyond to Cark & Cartmel.

COMING BY CAR

There is free parking on site and limited capacity for live-in vehicles.

We encourage you to take advantage of this beautiful place and camp in the woods, otherwise, you can reserve your live-in vehicle spot as you book your event tickets.

Head to our website
<http://coppicenorthwest.org.uk>
to find out more, see the FAQ's or
to book tickets



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