

ROUNDWOOD BUILDING OPPORTUNITY

Course number: 1010

Tutor: Ben Law

Date: Mon 10th May – Friday 11th June 2010

Price: £1000

TIMES:

Week commencing 10th May 2010:

- Introduction for trainees
- roundwood construction
- basic tool use and care/sharpening
- health and safety
- peel poles
- peg making
- begin framing

Week commencing 17th May 2010:

- continue framing

Week commencing 24th may 2010:

- continue framing

SATURDAY MAY 29TH – FRAME RAISING DAY

Week commencing 31st May 2010:

- Floor frames
- wind braces

Week commencing 7th June 2010:

- roof rafters
- batons
- shingling

FRIDAY 11th – Trainees finish (option to volunteer)

Trainees will work Mon-Fri for 6-8 hours a day.

THE COURSE:

Work alongside Ben to build the Sustainability Centre's eco-classroom in their woodland. This five week opportunity will take you all the way through the process of constructing a roundwood framed structure. You will benefit first hand from Ben's experience and skills and will learn all the techniques to carry out this kind of construction.

Camping pitches will provided on site for the trainees and they will also get free entry to the Hampshire Green Fair, which is held by the centre, at the centre on Sunday the 9th May.

AIMS:

By the end of the course participants should:

- Have learnt the skills of roundwood timber framing
- Have been involved in a complete build experience
- Have the ability and knowledge to build a roundwood timber framed structure

ABOUT THE TUTOR:

Ben Law lives and works at Prickly Nut Woods in West Sussex, where apart from making a living from coppicing, he trains apprentices and runs courses on sustainable woodland management, eco-building and permaculture design.

He is author of *The Woodland Way, a permaculture approach to sustainable woodland management* and *The Woodland House*, which charts the building of his unique cruck framed home in the woods. The building of his house was filmed for Channel 4's *Grand Designs* programme and proved to be the most popular program of the series. Ben now runs occasional open days in response to the popular demand.

Ben's third book *The Woodland Year*, was published on September the 12th 2008 and is now available.

FILLING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

There are 5 places on the traineeship and the candidates for these will be chosen with how they will benefit and how likely they are to use the skills learnt in mind. Please consider this when filling in the application.

The deadline for the applications is Monday 12th of March and interviews will be held

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING/WEAR:

Clothing suitable for outdoors including waterproofs

Steel toe cap boots/shoes are **essential**

Note-taking equipment – trainees are encouraged to make notes on the skills they learn.

A tent and camping equipment

Food for self-catering

STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE HOME:

Certificate of attendance

There will also be an opportunity to purchase selected books from '*Permanent Publications*' at a discount price.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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