

## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain was formed in 1968.

Prior to that date a number of more local walling associations existed and several of these are now Branches of the national body.

One of the objectives of the Association is to encourage the art of Dry Stone Walling and these courses are mainly designed for amateurs and those with little or no previous experience.

## ABOUT THE COURSE

During the course the participants will be given the opportunity to practise in all basic skills involved in stripping down and rebuilding a Dry Stone Dyke (this is the term used in Scotland to describe a mortarless wall). The tasks will be easily achieved by a person of reasonable fitness. By the end of the course they will have completely rebuilt a section of dyke and should be able to repair gaps in walls and to construct short sections of new or rebuilt dyke after adequate practice.

The Course will commence at 09.00am and finish about 3.30pm each day.

## THE INSTRUCTORS

These are professional dykers from Scotland, holding DSWA Craftsman Certificates, who are trained instructors of the DSWA as well as being highly skilled in the art of Dry Stone Walling. They have conducted training courses and demonstrations for a number of organisations such as the Countryside Commission, Agricultural Training Board etc. As well as being First Class Craftsmen, they are also able to instil great interest and enthusiasm in their Trainees.

## CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Participants should bring with them good working clothes, including wet weather gear, protective footwear, gloves and goggles. Any other required tools will be provided.

Toilet facilities are nearby.

Hammers, gloves and goggles will be available for purchase at the venue.

**The Course will proceed even if it rains.**

### FEES

The fee for the 2-day course is: **£95.00**  
Remittances, along with the completed Application Form, should be sent to:

Secretary, SW Scotland Branch DSWA  
57 Hawthorn Drive, Girvan, Ayrshire,  
KA26 0BG

Telephone: 07590 816845  
E-mail: [sws.dswa@gmail.com](mailto:sws.dswa@gmail.com)

Cheques should be made payable to  
"SWS-DSWA"

Bank transfer to  
Bank of Scotland 80-17-86 acc. 00208699

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All training courses run by DSWA have public liability insurance to cover course members for injury and third party risks. Course participants should arrange their own personal insurance if they feel this is relevant.

## APPLICATION FORM

Name .....  
(in capitals)

Address.....

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Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to take part in the Beginners  
Training Course to be held at:

Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose fee of **£ 95.00**

Signed.....

Date.....

Note: Joining instructions and further information will be sent on receipt of remittance and this form. Places on the course are limited and applications will be treated on a "first come, first served" basis.

**Places on the course can only be guaranteed after receipt of payment.**

## COURSE VENUE / DATES

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- Beeswing  
April 25th/26th
- Tynron  
July 4th/5th
- Gatehouse of Fleet  
Sept 5th/6th

## LUNCHES

**Refreshments and lunch will be provided**

**Please detail below any food allergies or particular dislikes.**

## HEALTH

**Please detail below any medical conditions you have which we should be aware of.**

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A number of free leaflets and publications for sale will be available at the training course.

## DRY STONE WALLING ASSOCIATION

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<http://www.dswa.org.uk>

Information about the Dry Stone Walling Association is available on the website.

### Membership

Please note that you automatically become a branch member when you become a paid-up member of the Dry Stone Walling Association.

### Training and Education

Advanced Training and Certification Courses and are available for those who want to expand their skills further.

### Shop

A range of publications and other items relating to Dry Stone Walling are available.

Alternatively contact the main office at:

**DSWA, Lane Farm, Crooklands,  
Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7NH**

E-mail: [information@dswa.org.uk](mailto:information@dswa.org.uk)

Tel: 01539 567953

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