

About the tutors

Peter Jameson runs a small-scale greenwood products and charcoal business alongside his 'day job' as a building surveyor. Peter first came to Commonwork as a student in 1991 and has tutored on green woodwork courses since 1998 for Commonwork and other organisations, including Hampshire Wildlife Trust and The Countryside Education Trust.

Alan Sage has been making baskets, both traditional and contemporary, for over five years. He has set up his own business and runs courses for a number of organisations, including Commonwork, as well as making baskets for re-enactments groups, theatre and television companies. His work also includes large- and small-scale works of art.

John Shepherd has ten years' experience of producing, maintaining and delivering specialist courses, particularly those associated with small-scale charcoal production, hedgelaying and poultry keeping. John's association with Commonwork began as a volunteer before becoming a tutor for the organisation.

John Waller has over 15 years' experience in woodland management and conservation, and is a qualified tree surgeon and coppice worker. He also produces a range of woodcraft products, including hurdles, fences, baskets and furniture. More recently, John has worked with many schools to construct willow structures for school grounds.

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the green wood workshop



The Green Wood Workshop at Bore Place


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Set in beautiful surroundings, near Sevenoaks, Bore Place is home to Commonwork, a group of organisations including an organic dairy farm, an environmental and educational trust, and the Green Wood Workshop. Bore Place is also a place for conferences, workshops and retreats.

The green woodwork courses are based in a fully-equipped workshop. Experienced tutors will guide you through the safe use of the hand tools, whether you are new to green woodwork or wish to improve on existing skills.

Courses run from 10am to 4.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

Dates at a glance 2009-2010

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- Trug Making 6-7 Jun '09 £95pp
 - Green Wood Workshop 19-22 Jun '09 £160pp (some materials may cost extra)
 - Backyard Chickens 7 Aug '09 £50pp
 - Baskets and Willow 26-27 Sep '09 £95pp
 - Rustic Chair Making 10-14 Oct '09 £200pp (some materials may cost extra)
 - Chair Making 10-17 Oct '09 £320pp (some materials may cost extra)
 - Charcoal Making Day 31 Oct '09 £40pp
 - Hand Tools Maintenance 14 Nov '09 £40pp
 - Hedge Laying 28-29 Nov '09 £110pp
 - Willow Christmas Decorations 5 Dec '09 £35/£20pp
 - Willow Christmas Decorations 13 Dec '09 £35/£20pp
 - Coppicing, Tree Felling and Layering 16-17 Jan '10 £90pp
 - Willow Husbandry Afternoon 5 Feb '10 £25pp
 - Baskets and Willow 6-7 Feb '10 £95pp
 - Living Willow Seats 20 Feb '10 £60pp
 - Living Willow Structures 21 Feb '10 £60pp
 - Wattle and Gate Hurdles 13-14 Mar '10 £120pp
 - Willow Garden Structures 1 27 Mar '10 £60pp
 - Willow Garden Structures 2 28 Mar '10 £60pp
 - Green Wood Day 24 Apr '10 £40pp
 - Bee Keeping 8 May '10 £40pp
 - Green Wood Workshop 14-17 May '10 £160pp (some materials may cost extra)
 - Rustic Hinged Gates 12 Jun '10 £65pp
 - Trug Making 5-6 Jun '10 £95pp

Green Wood

Green wood is freshly felled wood that is still 'sappy'. It uses simple techniques to work it, based on an understanding of how wood reacts, both to the tools and to the drying and shrinking process. Green wood is soft and easy to work using hand tools. Because of this, green woodwork creates little waste and can use small trees and logs. It is therefore 'green' in all senses of the word, especially at Bore Place where trees are felled as part of Commonwork's ongoing woodland restoration and sustainable management.

Booking form

Please send the booking form, together with the course fee, to the appropriate tutor as indicated. If booking several courses with different tutors please send separate payments to the relevant tutors, with your details as outlined on the booking form. **Please make cheques payable to the named tutor or organisation as indicated.**

1 Complete this section for all courses

Name

Address.....

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Post code.....Tel.....

E-mail.....

2 Please indicate the course(s) you would like to attend by ticking the relevant box(es) overleaf.

3 Please send your completed form, along with payment, to the appropriate tutor as indicated.

Places will not be reserved until payment is received. Unfortunately the course fee will be forfeited unless two weeks' notice of cancellation is given.

All courses take place at Commonwork, Bore Place, situated between Sevenoaks and Edenbridge, and approximately five miles from the A21. Full directions and a map will be sent with your booking acknowledgement.

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For these courses please send booking form and course fee to **John Waller**,
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Green Wood Workshop – the courses

Trug Making £95pp

6-7 Jun '09

A traditional design for a durable, lightweight garden carrier that you can make for yourself. Cleave and shave chestnut handles, rims and willow slats. Steam bend them to shape and nail them home to make the ultimate garden carrier for small tools, fruit or vegetables.

tutor: Alan Sage

Green Wood Workshop £160pp

19-22 Jun '09; 14-17 May '10

A flexible four-day workshop in which you could build a pole lathe and/or shaving horse; have a go at garden seats; use the pole lathe to turn a four legged stool with woven willow or sea grass seat; or produce a range of smaller items such as Sussex gate hurdles, rakes and besoms, carved spoons or bowls.

Backyard Chickens £50pp

7 Aug '09

All you need to know about starting, or improving, a small chicken unit. We'll cover housing, breeds, runs, pests and diseases, feed, rearing and, if interested, we'll include 'despatching'.

tutor: John Shepherd

Baskets and Willow £95pp

26-27 Sep '09; 6-7 Feb '10

Transform sweet-smelling willow rods into a beautiful and useful basket... no previous experience needed. Use tried and tested techniques and a variety of willow basketry weaves. You'll go home with a round-base basket of your own design and the techniques to be able to make more.

Willow Husbandry £25pp

5 Feb '10 1-4.30pm

Optional afternoon to find out how to grow, harvest, sort and dry willow for living structures and basketry.

Chair Making £200pp/£320pp

10-17 Oct '09

Spend five days (Sat-Wed) making a 'rustic' chair with naturally curved sticks. Learn construction using pole lathe and tenon cutter to make long lasting tenon-and-mortice joints. Or add another three days (Sat-Sat) and make a chair from log to finished frame or Windsor-style chair. You'll be cleaving, shaving, pole lathe turning, steam bending and seat hollowing or weaving.

Charcoal Making Day £40pp

31 Oct '09

Use small, round wood that is only good for burning to make your own charcoal to take away. Small-scale production in oil drums teaches the theory for larger-scale production. Finish with a walk in the woods.

tutor: John Shepherd



Green Wood Workshop – the courses

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Hand Tools Maintenance £40pp

14 Nov '09

Get to grips with sharpening and spend a day restoring old and damaged tools, especially 'edge' tools. We'll also cover re-handling and handle making. Bring along one or two tools of your own.

Hedge Laying £110pp

28-29 Nov '09

Traditional hedge-laying was the best way of stock-proofing a field before wire came along. Hedges are also valuable to wildlife. Compare laying to other hedge management techniques and help restore a hedge by pleaching, staking and binding.

Willow Christmas Decorations

£35 per adult/£20 per child

5 Dec '09; 13 Dec '09

10am-2pm

Make your own decorations, including reindeers, stars and willow wreaths. Hot soup lunch included. *Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.*

Coppicing, Tree Felling and Layering £90pp

16-17 Jan '10

A woodland management weekend discovering how to look after trees and to use the wood to best effect, including coppicing, felling larger trees using hand tools and ropes, and restocking the woods by layering.

Living Willow Seats* £60pp

20 Feb '10

Combine simple weaving and sculptural techniques to design and create a beautiful, living willow chair with either a living herb seat or oak slab seat to plant and grow in your garden. *Finished seats are approximately 6ft high and 20in diameter, and will need to be transported home.*

Living Willow Structures* £60pp

21 Feb '10

Creating a large living willow structure uses a range of techniques to encourage rods to grow well, to graft together and to maintain the shape of the structure. We'll cover techniques for living fences, arches, domes and tunnels, and discuss more 'themed' designs.

*Book both **Living Willow Seats** and **Living Willow Structures** for £100pp



Green Wood Workshop – the courses

Wattle and Gate Hurdles

£120pp

13-14 Mar '10

Choose to make woven wattle hurdles or Sussex gate hurdles, or both. The wattles use split hazel and willow rods woven around zales (uprights) to form a fence panel. The gate hurdles are ash or sweet chestnut poles, split, shaved and morticed, then braced and nailed to form the finished gate.

Willow Garden Structures 1

*£60pp

27 Mar '10

A day to make functional, beautiful garden structures... obelisks, sweet pea frames, mini-hurdles or 'sunflower' plant supports. Learn some strong and reliable weaves to shape your structures.

Willow Garden Structures 2

*£60pp

28 Mar '10

Make a willow fan trellis and a willow dragonfly, using new willow work techniques.

*Book both *Willow Garden Structures* days for £100pp

Green Wood Day £40pp

24 Apr '10

A great introduction to green woodwork. Have a go on a pole lathe and shaving horse, and make a mallet in the woods. Discover working with the wood, rather than against it.

Bee Keeping £40pp

8 May '10

Discover what's involved in keeping bees, including equipment, hives and husbandry. Due to time constraints we will not be handling bees.

tutor: John Shepherd



Rustic Hinged Gates £65pp

12 Jun '10

Make a hinged gate to your design and size using chestnut and oak poles. A chance to create a unique entrance to the garden.

Tailor-made courses

These courses are available to groups and can be structured to your needs and dates.

Please contact John Waller for more information.

What to bring to the green woodwork courses

Food and drink

Bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks are available.

Gear and tools

On cold days, dress in warm and comfortable clothes. At all times wear sturdy shoes or boots. All tools and materials will be provided. Please bring along any interesting tools of your own.