

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07982 THE BLACKSMITH'S CRAFT – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: ANDREW SMITH

Date: 1 DAY SUNDAY 1 JULY

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course is intended to introduce you to the craft of Blacksmithing through a small personal composition in iron. You gain experience of the rhythm of working hot steel at the anvil, use of the fire, hammer work, various tools, twisting, bending, shaping, etc.

Among those techniques taught will be: use of the fire, drawing down tapers, bending, upsetting, twisting.

It is not necessary to have any prior experience of this craft, as demonstration and practical guidance form the basis of the course.

As the day progresses you evolve your project into an appropriately scaled composition in forged iron which will be a testament both to the creative potential within the medium as well as techniques covered during the day. You should be able to view metalwork with a new and invigorated eye and you should have had an exciting glimpse in to the world of steel working.

This course is unusual, it is rewarding and it is fun!

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Andrew Smith, an experienced artist, craftsman and tutor, trained at the Royal College of Art. He has a large portfolio of architectural commissions, from sculpture to functional metalwork.

TIMETABLE:

This course is held in the Forge which is situated through the walled garden. We have morning coffee and afternoon tea at the Gardens' Restaurant but return to the main house for lunch. The walk takes about 8 minutes or can be accessed by car.

8.50–9.05am	Registration and coffee (main house) on arrival
9.15am	Morning classes (until 12.30pm)
10.30am	Coffee (at the Gardens' Restaurant)
12.45pm	Lunch (main house)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea (at the Gardens' Restaurant)
5.00pm	Classes finish

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

All materials and equipment will be provided for the course in the course fee, including the following:

Fuel, mild steel, blacksmithing tools

Please bring:

Items of drawing equipment if you wish.

You will need clothing suitable for workshop use – please note that cotton or wool clothing is preferable to nylon or other synthetics.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Please note that tutor supervision is required at all times when students work in this workshop. The tutor's instruction on health and safety will include access to and use of the power hammer.

All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College. Students must wear the protective clothing provided by the College.

For your safety it is mandatory to wear steel toe capped safety boots when undertaking a course in the forge. Students must provide their own footwear and bring them with them to wear on the course. If you fail to bring suitable footwear, you will not be able to take part in the course.

Safety boots can be purchased from most tool hire shops and builders merchants as well as online.
www.cromwell.co.uk www.bhinone.com

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING SUPPLIED:

Leather aprons, work gloves, safety spectacles and ear defenders are provided in the Forge, and suitable protective clothing **must** be worn.

You may wish to bring any of the above, if you have them. If for example you have particularly large or small hands, your own work gloves are likely to be a better fit.

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