

## SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08529: PRUNING GARDEN SHRUBS AND CLIMBERS

Tutor: STEPHEN SMITH

Date: 1 DAY SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY

### ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Pruning is such a vital element of gardening and once mastered is a skill that is a source of great satisfaction in the management of a garden.

This day-long course will outline the reasons behind different types of pruning on ornamental and productive plants and will provide students with the confidence to practice precise and accurate pruning across a broad selection of woody plants.

The course will illustrate how to prune for improved fruit and flower production, the maintenance of the ideal 'natural shape' in ornamental garden trees and shrubs and cover the basic techniques used to maintain plant health and vigour across a range of plants growing in different situations.

Classroom demonstrations, student practise on a variety of containerised plants and an afternoon garden tour highlighting the successful use of pruning by professionals at West Dean will each combine to provide students with the ability to tackle pruning with confidence by the end of the course.

### 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:

Stephen Smith is a Horticulturalist and Landscape Historian. He recently managed a number of squares for the Grosvenor Estate and works as a freelance consultant specialising in historic landscapes and horticultural training.

### TIMETABLE:

9am–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

### MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

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

### Materials included in the course fee:

Plant material for use by the students.

### Please bring any of the following, if you have them:

Secateurs, gardening gloves, protective eyewear, boots and wet weather gear (if necessary).

### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.