



CWA SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Green woodworking and pole lathe turning for beginners

Hosted by:
Dunnottar Bodgeys Group &
Dunnottar Woodland Park Association
Stonehaven



FINAL REPORT

Introduction

This is the final report produced by the Dunnottar Bodgeys Group, Stonehaven, for the course held in Dunnottar woods on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of April 2010 entitled “Green wood woodworking and pole lathe turning for beginners”.

The course was hosted by the Dunnottar Bodgeys Group (DBG) on a site in Dunnottar woodland park which lies just to the south of Stonehaven. The woodland is owned by Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) and the Dunnottar Woodland Park Association (DWPA) act in a local stewardship role. The DBG worked closely with both FCS and the DWPA whilst setting up this course.

The course was delivered by Kenny Grieve, the very experienced green wood turning based in Fife. Thirteen people attended the course and the evaluations confirm that the course was very well received by all.

Key learning points

- To provide an opportunity for participants to take part in a variety of green wood working processes.
- Use bodging processes to make a simple wooden stool from locally sourced timber and/or contribute to the manufacture of shaving horses for use by the host group.

Event programme (quoted from advertising flyer)

“The course will consist of an informal meeting and meal in a local hotel on the Friday evening prior event where participants can meet and have a general discussion. Kenny Grieve is the trainer for this course and will be on hand to answer any questions before starting the course proper the following day.

On the Saturday morning the participants will embark on the two day practical course based in Dunnottar woods, where the Dunnottar Bodgeys Group have established a base. Participants will start from freshly felled timber and carry out processes using side axe, draw knives, shaving horses and pole lathes.

Please note that the entire course is based outside and shelter will be provided in the form of a woodland canopy but participants should be properly equipped for cold and wet conditions (after all - it is Scotland in April). The workshop will continue as long as light and enthusiasm prevails on Saturday night and will resume Sunday morning for another full day.”



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Photographs

All photographs taken can be view online at :

http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/awcraig/2010_04_03BodgingCourseDay1#

and

http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/awcraig/2010_04_04BodgingCourseDay2#

and a sample is shown below:



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