



Wooplaw Greenwood Weekend
Wooplaw Woods, Galashiels
25th & 26th May

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This event is part of the CWA Knowledge and Skill Development Training Programme, funded by the Scottish Government Skills Development Scheme and the Robertson Trust.

Introduction

This report focuses on the Wooplaw Greenwood Weekend –This event took place on the last weekend in May 2013 training a total of 19 people. This report summarises these events and gives feedback on the success of the project.

Why did we do this?

The purpose of the events was to encourage and facilitate green woodworking activities in Wooplaw and among other similar groups and individuals.

Demonstrate green woodworking skills.

Train participants.

Allow participants to make and take away working shave horses/lathes.

Improve the use of equipment.

To allow other groups to set up their own green woodworking groups.

Wooplaw Green Woodworking Weekend

The aim of the course is:

On successful completion of the training participants will be able to

Use tools

Work with wood

Take home a completed horse/lathe

The objectives of the course are - participants will be able to:

1. Select materials for the manufacture of a pole lathe or shaving horse
2. Manufacture a shaving horse or pole lathe
3. Use the appropriate tools on a shaving horse or pole lathe.
4. Select material for use on the equipment
5. Be able to use their equipment subsequently
6. To encourage them to spread their skills to other local groups.

Event trainers; Bob Fleet, Jay Read, Dave Hall

Bob and Jay have previously run courses making pole lathes and shaving horses at Wooplaw and last year at Dunnet Woodland. Bob is a regular pole lathe demonstrator at shows and events around the Scottish Borders as well as a power turner and member of “The Crafters” co-operative.

Dave is a greenwood worker who is the contact for the Wooplaw greenwood group and sends out the greenwood newsletter. He is an accomplished spoon carver and green woodworker.



List of course participants

| Name | Group Name |
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| Patrick Rayner | Wooplaw, Edinburgh |
| Sara Beauregard | Youth Vision, Balerno, Edinburgh |
| Neus Giner Garcia | Youth Vision, Balerno, Edinburgh |
| Steven Middlemass | Youth Vision, Balerno, Edinburgh |
| Taylor Noble | Youth Vision, Balerno, Edinburgh |
| Dylan Fraser | Youth Vision, Balerno, Edinburgh |
| James Hughes | Youth Vision, Balerno, Edinburgh |
| James Collins | Wooplaw, Oxtou |
| Dave Donnelly | Wooplaw, Selkirk |
| Ian Edwards | Royal Botanical Gardens Edinburgh |
| Alison Barclay | Wooplaw |
| Rebecca Knipe | Dunbar Community Woodland |
| Morgan Prior | Dunbar Community Woodland |
| Liam O'Connor | Edinburgh |
| Holly Booth | BBC Landward |
| Patrick Booth | Aberdeen |
| Chris Fairgrieve | Wooplaw, Blainslie |
| Will Finlayson | Wooplaw, Stow |
| Alistair Finlayson | Wooplaw, Stow |

Course content

Day1.

Design criteria for lathes and shaving horses as appropriate.

Selection of tools and design criteria for their use

Material selection for construction.

Construction of personalised horses/lathes

Use of tools on the equipment

Demonstration and training in use.

Properties of different woods for use in manufacturing objects.

Day2.

Continue from day 1 until complete.

Possibility of visitors to make something from greenwood

Feedback from participants

Total number of participants returning feedback was 15 out of 20. Some were groups so made 1 return.

Feedback from participants

How did you hear about this event?



Email from a friend
 word of mouth
 Wooplaw website
 Training with Youth vision e-newsletter
 community newsletter
 Greenwood Group

Please rate the event against the following criteria, circling the appropriate statements:

| | V. Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | V. Good |
|---------------------|---------|------|------|------|---------|
| Location | 16 | 0 | | | |
| Organisation | 11 | 5 | | | |
| Catering | 14 | 2 | | | |
| Facilities | 11 | 5 | | | |

Do you feel that the event delivered your expectations?

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| Yes | 16 | No | 0 | Partly | 0 |
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If your answer was 'No' or 'Partly' please tell us why, and how we might improve things.

Please tell us why you wanted to take part in this event?

Learn new skills, Meet local green woodworkers
 Green woodworking
 To make a shave horse
 Interest in green woodworking
 We run a youth project, we took away 2 shave horses and everyone enjoyed a community day out
 Wanting to learn more woodworking skills
 Day out
 Learn more about woodwork
 You learn what to do
 Skills to build more greenwood work tools
 To learn new skills and participate in event
 Interest in wood
 To learn how to make a shave horse
 Experience + developing skills + have a laugh
 Learn woodworking skills

What benefits do you feel you gained from attending the event?

More confidence in using hand tools
 Learned some green woodworking
 Learning how to use new tools
 Family bonding, learn new skills



Skills improvement

Excellent woodcrafts and the youth were able to socialise and gain experience from others

Increased skills

More knowledge & confidence

Working hard

Skills

Interaction, enjoyment and good experience

Knowledge and meeting people

The confidence to make another item to try more green woodworking

Good fun, developed green woodworking skills

A shave horse

What will you do with the experience / skills / ideas you have gained from attendance?

Will use new skills (and shaving horse) immediately for a schools project

Green woodworking

Make more things

Apply them in my local woodland

Use in pursuit of hobbies

We will use the shave horses in our youth group. The youth who came went away with new skills and a huge sense of achievement

Use them!

Learn some more if I find the time

Maybe show people what to do

How to build shavehorse

Try out green woodworking in future

Develop them

Practice & learn more

Use them in teaching experiences

Shave wood sustainably

Would you recommend others to take part in such an event?

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| Yes | 14 | No | |
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Please explain why / why not:

It was good

A good thing to do

A great day out. To continue to use skills of the past which will be easily lost without these workshops



Great community spirit + sharing of tips
Good fun
Great way to spend the day
More people to take part
These skills need to continue in the world
Good atmosphere and nice setting
Good Location & atmosphere
Fun + Skills developed at the course are hard to find

What would you like to see Community Woodlands Association do next?

Are there other training / seminar opportunities would you like to see organised?

More events
More of the same
Using pole lathe
Kitchen utensils Workshops
Don't know really
More training lessons on different tools
Wildlife walks
More woodworking, willow weaving
More events like this
More woodworking, woodland skills

Do you have any other comments on any aspect of the event?

Nice weather
A great day, great instruction, great learning and a great experience
It's been a good day so far
Good event, contact form on website may be acting up
Very much enjoyed it (The jokes were obviously the best part)