

Get into Learning ...

Derbyshire
Eco^{centre}

What's on

Summer Courses

2017





Call in and see us!

We are open throughout the summer, every weekday and at weekends when we have courses on. Talk to centre staff and follow our self-guided trail to find out more.

Welcome to the Derbyshire Eco Centre and our summer workshop programme. Discover the joy of learning in our eco building in its lovely location on the edge of the Peak District National Park and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage site.

- Leading by example with our sustainable building design.
- Indoor and outdoor learning spaces to provide a wide range experiences for all ages.
- Discover our woodland walk, gardens and dry stone

Do you have any special requirements?

If there is anything we need to do or be aware of to help you make the most of your learning with us, please let us know when booking. **We are here to help!**

How to find the Eco Centre

Trent Barton bus 6.1

Bus stop **Steeple Grange, National Stone Centre**
– 2 minutes walk

Bus stop **Steeple Grange, Malthouse Close**
– 10 minutes walk

For public transport details contact **traveline:**
www.traveline.info
0871 200 22 33

Derbyshire Eco Centre
Porter Lane
Middleton-by-Wirksworth
Derbyshire DE4 4LS
01629 533038



We hire out spaces to groups for meetings and special events, please contact us for further information.

What's on Offer?

Our courses are colour coded to help you find subjects of interest to you. We have courses for beginners, for all abilities and follow on courses for those who already have some previous experience and want to develop their knowledge and skills.

<p>Get Creative</p> <p>We have lots of opportunities for you to unleash your artistic abilities and gain confidence using natural and recycled materials.</p>	<p>Get Hands On</p> <p>Practical skills courses for those who don't mind getting their hands dirty. Includes short courses and longer qualification courses.</p>	<p>Get Learning as a Family</p> <p>Our family activities are designed for parents, carers and children to enjoy together. Prices are per family – just £20 (or £15 in April–June) for up to 2 adults and 2 children, extra children are £5 each. Each adult can bring up to 3 children aged 4–14 but only 2 can be under 5 years old. Please check course details before booking as some courses have a higher minimum age limit.</p>
<p>Get Active and Healthy</p> <p>Courses to get you active and healthy in mind, body and spirit. Fun short and weekly courses in yoga, massage and alternative therapies.</p>	<p>Get Ahead in Life and Work</p> <p>Improve your confidence and skills to enhance your job prospects and make life changes that you have been dreaming of.</p>	

April

★	<p>Introduction to reflexology</p> <p>An introduction to the theory and practice of this system of massage used to relieve tension and treat illness</p> <p>Saturday 1st April (10am–4pm) £41</p>
	<p>Small wind turbine systems</p> <p>Learn about and assemble a wind turbine and electrical system which could be used for water pumping and running other electrical devices</p> <p>Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April (9.30am–4.30pm) £125 / £117 / £83</p>
	<p>Hurdle making</p> <p>Learn how to weave willow or split hazel poles into a strong panel for the garden.</p> <p>Sunday 2nd April (10am–4pm) £51</p>
	<p>Self build with timber</p> <p>Create a basic Walter Segal designed timber frame structure and explore super-insulation, flooring and cladding</p> <p>Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April (10am–4pm) £93 / £86 / £57</p>
	<p>Introduction to hempcrete</p> <p>A practical introduction to using hempcrete in sustainable building projects</p> <p>Saturday 8th April (9.30am–5.30pm) £75 / £70 / £51</p>
	<p>Family collage creation</p> <p>Make a brightly coloured and textured piece of art from stuff you would usually throw away.</p> <p>Wednesday 12th April (10am–12.30pm) £15*</p>

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April – continued

	<p>Family pottery Learn hand building techniques to make fun objects from clay. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Wednesday 19th April (10am–12.30pm) £15*</p>
	<p>Pottery for all Develop the skills to work with clay to produce a variety of individually designed pieces of work Monday 24th April (6–8.30pm, 5 wks) £80 / £73 / £43</p>
	<p>Decorative stone carving Learn to carve a detailed decorative stone from a design of your choice Tuesday 25th April (6–8pm, 8 wks) £106/ £96 / £58</p>
	<p>The history & mystery of Public Rights of Way Improve your knowledge of access and Public Rights of Way and what you can do to improve them in your area Thursday 27th April (1.30–4pm) £18</p>
	<p>DIY for women Learn basic DIY skills and techniques in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere Thursday 27th April (6.30–9pm, 5 wks)</p>

May

	<p>Coping with stress Gain a better understanding of what causes you stress and find positive ways of dealing with it Tuesday 2nd May (6.30–8.30pm, 3 wks) £5</p>
	<p>Coppice crafts weekend Learn how to use a draw knife, shave horse and axe to make cleft ash or hazel hurdles and a cleft 3 legged stool Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May (10am–4pm) £87</p>
	<p>Get more from your sewing machine Discover the full range of stitches your sewing machine can do and make a fabric bag to take home with you Saturday 6th May (10am–4pm) £41</p>
★	<p>Gardening with love An introduction to the principles and practice of organic gardening. Love your plants, soil and wildlife! Sunday 7th May (10am–4pm) £39</p>
	<p>Wild food – forage and feast Learn how to identify, gather and cook edible stems, leaves and flowers of our common wild plants Saturday 13th May (10am–4pm) £42</p>
★	<p>Introduction to herbal medicine Learn how to identify, gather and prepare local wild plants for use as medicines for common ailments Sunday 14th May (10am–4pm) £41</p>

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May – continued

	<p>Willow sculpture Learn simple willow weaving techniques to create your own sculptures for the house or garden Sunday 14th May (10am–4pm) £44</p>
	<p>Building with lime A practical introduction to using lime in heritage restoration and new build projects Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May (10am–4pm) £84 / £77 / £48</p>
	<p>Introduction to stained glass technique Learn traditional stained glass techniques and make a small leaded glass panel (leaded light) Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May (10am–4pm) £88</p>
	<p>Learn to scythe Learn how to use a scythe to manage vegetation including grass, weeds, bramble from the UK's leading scythe teacher Friday 26th May (10am–4.30pm) £65</p>
	<p>Family scarecrows Make a scarecrow for a festival or for your own enjoyment using old clothes and other recycled materials Tuesday 30th May (10am–12.30pm) £15*</p>
	<p>Family mosaic making 7–14 year olds Use mosaic tiles and beads to make pictures inspired by nature. For children aged 7 and over and their grown ups Wednesday 31st May (10am–12.30pm) £15*</p>

June

	<p>Family foraging & bushcraft Learn how to find plants that you can eat or use for making woven cord bracelets. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Friday 2nd June (10am–12.30pm) £15*</p>
	<p>Emergency First Aid at Work – Level 2 Award Equip yourself to deal with emergency situations in the workplace. A certificated course Monday 5th June (9.30am–4.30pm) £69</p>
	<p>Practical organic gardening Discover the keys to successful organic and sustainable gardening that benefits you, your plants and the wildlife in your garden Tuesday 6th June (6–8pm, 7 weeks) £99 / £89 / £51</p>
	<p>Stained glass (leadwork) – all abilities Learn or develop existing skills needed to create a leaded stained glass panel Thursday 8th June (6.30–8.30pm, 5 weeks) £76 / £70 / £46</p>
	<p>Inspirational garden design Gain ideas for reinventing your outdoor space through visits to a range of exciting gardens with an inspirational tutor Friday 9th June (10am–1pm, 6 weeks) £90 / £81 / £45</p>

* £15 for a family of up to 2 adults and 2 children. Extra Children £5 each (maximum 3 children per adult)

June – continued

Outdoor bread ovens Find out how to build a domestic outdoor earth oven and then enjoy baking pizza in one Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June (10am–4pm) £96
Basket making Learn or develop traditional willow basket weaving techniques to make a large basket or a couple of small ones Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June (10am–4pm) £88
Pottery for all Develop the skills to work with clay to produce a variety of individually designed pieces of work Monday 12th June (6–8.30pm, 5 weeks) £80 / £73 / £43
Festival of Learning – wellbeing tasters Check out our FREE wellbeing taster sessions – ask centre staff for details Friday 23rd June (1.5hr tasters x 3, daytime) FREE
Bushcraft Get out into the woods and have a go at shelter building, natural fire lighting, wood carving and discover the uses of wild plants and trees Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th June (10am–4pm) £84
Making natural dyes Make your own natural plant dyes and test the colour results on a range of different materials Saturday 24th June (10am–4pm) £41
Bike maintenance I – Roadside repairs & basic maintenance Learn the basics you need to keep your bike roadworthy and deal with punctures Sunday 25th June (10am–4pm) £41
Paediatric First Aid – Level 3 Award Gain the skills needed to administer first aid to an infant or child. A certificated qualification. Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th June (9.30am–4pm) £105
Outdoor Emergency First Aid Gain the skills and confidence to deal with injuries and emergencies in outdoor remote situations Wednesday 28th & Thursday 30th June (9am–5pm) £120



July

	<p>Decorative stone carving Learn to carve a decorative stone from a design of your choice Friday 7th July (10am–4pm) £46</p>
	<p>Stained glass (leadwork) – all abilities Learn or develop existing skills needed to create a leaded stained glass panel Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July (10am–4pm) £88</p>
	<p>Building with straw Master the basics of building in straw, including walls, corners and part bales Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th July (10am–4pm) £99 / £92 / £63</p>
	<p>Storymaking in the woods Adventures in the woods, build a den, create and tell the story. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Tuesday 25th July (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Family pottery Learn hand building techniques to make fun objects from clay. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Wednesday 26th July (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Mythical creature costumes Use a variety of materials to create a mythical creature costume to wear and take home with you. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Thursday 27th July (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Dry stone walling – curves & corners Learn how to construct a curved dry stone wall to a high standard. For experienced wallers to develop their skills. Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July (10am–4pm) £82 / £75 / £46</p>

August

	<p>Pottery taster Hand build a pot using slab and pinch techniques and learn how to apply decorative glazes Monday 7th August & 14th August (10am–1pm) £40</p>
	<p>Working outdoors – dry stone walling taster Have you always dreamed about working outdoors? A chance to find out if dry stone walling might be for you Monday 7th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Family pottery Learn hand building techniques to make fun objects from clay. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Tuesday 8th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>

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August – continued

	<p>Coppice crafts taster Learn how to use a shave horse, draw knife and other greenwoodworking tools to make a besom broom, wooden plant labels and gypsy flowers Tuesday 8th August (10am–1pm) £20</p>
	<p>Mindfulness taster Discover how to become more aware of the present moment and develop a deeper enjoyment of the world around you Wednesday 9th August (10am–1pm) £20</p>
	<p>Hazel and willow frame baskets Use the natural shapes of summer cut hazel or dried stored hazel to make a frame basket and/or tray with woven willow sides Wednesday 9th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Woodworking taster Learn basic joinery skills and make a small wooden box with a tray to keep jewellery or knickknacks in Thursday 10th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Family bushcraft Learn how to light fire, use plants and tree bark to make bracelets and woven products. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups Thursday 10th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Bushcraft taster Learn how to light a fire the natural way and collect and use plants to make strong woven cord Thursday 10th August (2pm–5pm) £20</p>
	<p>Pizzas, pittas and parathas Impress your family and friends with these easy hand made breads from around the world Friday 11th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Decorative stone carving Learn to carve a decorative stone from a design of your choice Friday 11th August (10am–4pm) £30</p>
	<p>Dry stone walling – Lantra level 1 certificate Gain the basic knowledge and skills to build and repair dry stone walls to a satisfactory standard. Starts Monday 14th August (10 days over 3 months) £426 / £397 / £283</p>
	<p>Family willow crafts Have fun experimenting with willow! Plait a snail, weave a fish or sword, or create a crown. Suitable for children 7 years old and over and their grown ups Tuesday 15th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>AED (defibrillator) awareness Learn how to safely set-up and apply an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and know when you need to use one. Wednesday 16 August (10am–1pm) £20</p>

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August – continued

	<p>Circus skills taster</p> <p>A fun introduction to juggling, kendama, poi, plate spinning and diabolo. Guaranteed to impress your friends and family at summer events!</p> <p>Wednesday 16th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Family alien misfit books</p> <p>Let your imagination run wild to create your own Alien Misfit book to take home. Suitable for children aged 4 and over and their grown ups</p> <p>Thursday 17th August (10am–1pm) £20*</p>
	<p>Painting with nature taster</p> <p>Be inspired by and use natural materials from the landscape around the Eco Centre to make a small mixed media artwork</p> <p>Thursday 17th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>
	<p>Working outdoors – horticulture and gardening taster</p> <p>Have you always dreamed about working outdoors? Find out how our horticulture and gardening courses could start you on a new career path</p> <p>Friday 18th August (10am–12pm) FREE</p>
	<p>Stained glass sun catchers taster</p> <p>Use copper foil techniques to make a beautiful stained glass sun catcher to hang in your window</p> <p>Friday 18th August (10am–3pm) £30</p>

September

	<p>Bushcraft and survival skills weekend</p> <p>Get back to nature with a weekend in the woods learning shelter building, fire lighting, uses of wild plants and trees, wood carving and water purification</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th September (10am Sat–4pm Sun) £135</p>
	<p>Painting with nature</p> <p>Be inspired by and use natural materials and the landscape around the Eco Centre to make a stunning mixed media artwork</p> <p>Saturday 16th September (9.30am–4.30pm) £30</p>
	<p>Incredible edible gardens</p> <p>Combine edible flowers, herbs, fruit and veg to make a kitchen garden that's a sensory delight</p> <p>Saturday 16th September (9.30am–4.30pm) £30</p>
	<p>Community well dressing workshop</p> <p>Learn traditional skills that you can take away and use to create a well dressing with your community group</p> <p>Saturday 23rd September (10am–3pm) £5</p>



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Visit www.wirksworthfestival.co.uk for full Festival details



Family Fun

Our May half term and Summer school holiday family activities are designed for parents, carers and children to enjoy together. Choose from scarecrow or mosaic making, bushcraft, pottery, willow craft or book making and outdoor storytelling.



August Tasters

We have 2 weeks in August jam-packed with half day and one day workshops to give you a taste of what will be coming up in the Autumn! Check out the August course listing on pages 7-9. We think we have something for everyone.



Get a different sort of qualification

The Eco Centre is one of very few centres in the country offering dry stone walling qualifications up to Level 3. We also offer RHS Horticulture qualifications at Level 2. **Please ask for details.**

Cromford and High Peak Railway Talk

It is 50 years since the closure of this historic and unique railway which is situated just below the Eco Centre.

Join us for an illustrated talk that will delight you with stories of the locos, tracks, inclines, railway workers and its current use as the High Peak Trail.

Friday 12th May, 7.00 – 8.45pm, £3.

The Guide

Visit our learner handbook, **The Guide** at

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide

or ask in centre, where you can find out

- practical information for learners
- how to access help and support
- how to give us your feedback

The Association of Master Upholsterers and Soft Furnishers (AMUSF)

Stage 1 Craft Certificate (Upholstery)

Starting soon at the **Ashbourne Adult Education Centre**. These popular qualifications can lead to employment within the industry or to you starting your own small business.

For information visit: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/upholsterycourses or contact ashbourne.ace@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01629 533696.

Festival of Learning

We have organised a day of short taster workshops with a 'wellbeing' focus on **Friday 23rd June** as part of Derbyshire Adult Education Service's 'Festival of Learning' celebrations. Workshops are free so get in touch soon to ask for details!

What will this course cost?

We use three different bands for our course fees. The full fee for a course will be advertised as Band A. If you are a Derbyshire Gold Card holder, you will pay the Band B price for Community Learning. In most cases, we offer reduced fees for those on certain benefits at Band C. For some qualification courses you may be able to apply for a learner loan. There may be additional costs on some courses for materials and exams fees.

Please check at the time of booking.

How can I pay?

Payments can be made online, by phone, through the web or in person at the Eco Centre. For some courses, you may be able to pay in instalments.

How can I join?

Most courses are available to book through our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch or you can visit or telephone your local centre.

Where can I get further information or advice?

For detailed information about the support that we can provide, including financial help and learning support, visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide or call the Eco Centre. Not sure what to do next? We have highly skilled National Careers Service advisers actively involved in supporting learners in many of our centres. Ask in centre, visit the National Careers Service website or call **01629 532430**.

How can I help?

Find out how to volunteer at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/dacesvolunteer. We regularly recruit Tutors and Learner Support via www.derbyshire.gov.uk/jobs

Book online, it's easy
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch

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