

Courses 2021

I run courses for beginners and improvers in carving and lettering. With over 20 years experience carving and lettering and 5 years teaching experience I am able to guide you through the basic techniques of what is a relaxing and absorbing ancient craft.

Social Distance Stone Carving

Courses will run from March with a maximum of 2 people (except households of up to 4) at a minimum of 2m distance, based at my rustic workshop in Ancrum.

How We keep safe.

If the weather is fine we will work outside with a fine view of Ruber's Law. Otherwise inside my airy converted-barn workshop. Masks are worn as a matter of course for stone-carving sandstone or slate. I will have plenty of hand-sanitiser available. And once you arrive and receive your tools these will remain yours for the duration of the course.



I encourage a very hands on approach. It helps if you come with an idea of what you want to carve.

I have taught complete beginners on a 2-day course who have achieved between 3 and 6 large letters.

Warning. Working stone is a very restful, meditational activity. It is also highly addictive! Be prepared to get hooked.

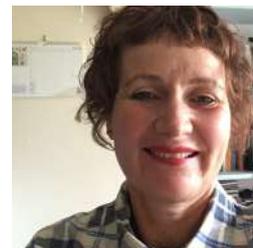


Lettering/carving for Beginners

What to expect

After an initial look at the tools and examples you can choose a piece of stone . I will demonstrate some techniques of carving stone and show you how to use the tools.

Then you are encouraged to make a mess on the back and try out the tools. After this you start your design which often evolves as you get more confident and lose yourself in the process.



Dates

Courses will run most Saturdays beginning March 6th. contact me to check dates and make a booking. Remember these course are limited to maximum 2 people or up to 4 from the same household. Availability is very limited so book early to avoid disappointment. A non-returnable 50% fee due to confirm a booking but I am willing to change dates if necessary due to Covid.

Weekends available on request and also days in the week - just ask. I am very flexible and will also consider half-days.



Venue

Furlongs workshop is draughty and high-ceilinged with oodles of atmosphere and stunning views of the surrounding countryside. It is located in Ancrum just 300m along a track

Cost Per Person.

£100 per day and £180 for a weekend. Including materials, use of tools and all refreshments.

Work shown is done by my students!

