

Acorn to Oak 2009

Professional Development Training for Countryside Staff

Mission Statement

Originally established in 2000 in partnership with the BTCV in Durham, **Acorn to Oak** courses aim to provide professional development training, delivered by practising countryside management professionals, for those who wish to improve and develop their skills and knowledge in the practical elements that form the basis for managing the countryside for recreation, education and conservation.

Community Consultation 29th June to 1st July 2009 Newcastle-upon-Tyne £180 exc. vat

The success or failure of an initiative frequently rests on the support of local communities. This course will equip participants with an approach that is fully inclusive, highly engaging and participatory, very flexible and adaptable that explores the diversity of views and opinions, leads to discussion and mutual education, seeks consensus and has clear outcomes indicating future positive action.

Visitor Surveys 13th / 14th July Newcastle-upon-Tyne £120 exc. vat

Visitors surveys are often used to find out who visitors are, why they visit a site or area, what they do, what they think about the provision, how provision can be improved and so on. This course reveals how to design surveys which produce clear cut answers and data sets that can be treated with simple statistics to give valid comparisons to existing data and future repeated surveys.

Interpreting Environmental Heritage 21st to 23rd September 2009 Newcastle-upon-Tyne £180 exc. vat

This course takes a comprehensive look at interpretation introducing good practice including thematic interpretation, interpretive methods and media available in the environmental interpreter's tool kit. It also examines interpretive planning methodology and the essential role it plays not only in coordinating provision but also in obtaining funding.

Understanding and Identifying Trees 5th October 2009 Stockton-on-Tees £65 exc. vat

This course will introduce participants to the trees native to Britain and some commonly grown coniferous timber trees. It will cover biology, preferred growing conditions, uses, ecological value and taxonomy in addition to species identification. After the course participants will have handled and examined fresh samples of, and should be able to identify, most of the trees native to Britain!

The Management of Broad-leaved Woodland 12th to 14th October 2009 Stockton-on-Tees £180 exc. vat

This course examines how to manage broad-leaved woodland for timber production and for wildlife value. It explores how woodlands developed and were managed in the past. It looks at how woodland is classified and gives an ecological overview. It then considers the range of management systems available for sympathetic but productive woodland management. It also covers important aspects of management such as thinning, restocking and woodland products. The final day involves practical exercises using some useful timber survey techniques and finishes with a close look at woodland grants.

Project Management for Countryside Staff 16th / 17th November 2009 Newcastle-upon-Tyne £120 exc. vat

A badly planned or managed project is doomed to failure before it even starts. This course demonstrates the systematic approach to project management that will bring projects to a successful conclusion on time and within budget.

**Please note bookings on some courses must be received at least 6 weeks before course date.
Check booking details.**

For more detailed information please visit our website

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