

Make a willow ball



Sunday 7 May 2017, 10am – 4.30pm **Course Information**

A willow ball makes an attractive feature in a home or garden. During this course you'll make a ball of 12-18 inches diameter, entirely from some of our finest willow; there's no wire, string or anything else involved. No experience of working with willow is required but you will need a fair amount of persistence!

Most of the process of making a ball can be carried out successfully whilst seated but there is a large amount of bending and some upper body strength required. There's a walk of about 300m from the carpark to the venue, through the lovely woodland, although we can provide a lift for you if you need it. If you have any doubt about your physical ability, please call for a chat; we'll do all we can to make the day enjoyable for you.

The course also provides the opportunity to spend a day in the beautiful and peaceful setting of Bottoms' Corner Wood. Plenty of tea and coffee with fruit and homemade cake is on offer throughout the day.

Course venue

The course will take place outside in Bottoms' Corner Wood, a working woodland that's part of the Wassledine farm, Upper Gravenhurst, Bedfordshire.

The wood is midway between the villages of Gravenhurst and Campton, near Shefford just within the parish of Gravenhurst. It's a hidden away location, so further directions will be sent to you before the course date.

Although it's a beautiful setting, please be aware the facilities are quite basic. There is off road parking along a surfaced but bumpy track. It's then a short walk along rough uneven ground to the venue in the woods. There is an outside composting toilet with camping style hand wash.

What to bring

- Secateurs (we can supply some)
- Packed lunch (we'll provide tea, coffee, drinks, biscuits, fruit and homemade cake)
- Suitable outdoor clothes, boots, waterproofs or sunhat, sunblock (remember we'll be outside all day)

Wet weather plan:

There is some shelter in the wood, so a little rain is not a problem, but if the weather is extremely bad the course may have to be cancelled. The decision will be taken the day preceding the course and we will contact you by phone, so please provide us with the best number to use in case we are very unlucky with the weather. If this happens a full refund will be provided. We will try our best to rearrange another date for the course. If you don't hear from us assume the course is going ahead.

Booking & Payment

The cost of the course is £70 per person. Please complete the attached booking form.

Course tutor

The course will be led by Guy Lambourne of Wassledine. Guy has been growing and making things out of willow for over 10 years. Why he started making willow balls is a mystery but they have proved popular. He has made willow balls for many customers who have decorated them with fairy lights, grown plants through them, hung them in trees or simply sat and looked at them in their house or garden.

If there's anything else you need to know just give us a call or send an email.

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