

HECTOR COLE IRONWORK

ONE DAY COURSE IN BASIC ARROWHEAD FORGING

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Cost of course £145 to include materials, food and studio drinks for the day. Booking fee £25 in advance.

This is a one day course run by an International Master Arrowsmith. It is designed to give experience in forging the simple bodkins that were used in the medieval period. Some forging experience is necessary as good hammer control is required. The aim will be to forge a set of six matching bodkin heads by the end of the day.

The maximum number of places per day is two so that each person will receive individual tuition and guidance.

People attending the course will need to wear suitable clothing. This means stout footwear, trousers that cover the top of the footwear and suitable shirt or jumper. The wearing of nylon type materials is not recommended. Gloves, aprons and eye protection will be provided.

Drinks will be available in the studio throughout the day. Please bring a packed lunch.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

9.00 AM. Introduction to the workshop facilities and equipment including safety.

Examples of the different types of bodkin heads.

Demonstration of forging a bodkin.

10.00 AM. First practical session on forging an arrowhead.

11.00 AM. Break for drinks and biscuits.

11.20 AM. Technical demonstration and second practical session.

1.00 PM. Lunch break.

2.00 PM. Third practical session with appropriate demonstrations and instruction where applicable.

3.45 PM. Break for drinks and biscuits.

4.00 PM. Final practical session.

5.00 PM. Completion of work and tidy up.

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