

HECTOR COLE IRONWORK

ONE DAY COURSE IN BLADE SMITHING

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

This is a one day course in basic blade smithing techniques. It is designed to give an introduction to forging blades and is for people who have some experience of forging hot steel. The maximum number of places per course is two to ensure that each person receives individual tuition.

All forging materials will be provided.

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 forging equipment and safety aspects of forging, followed by a demonstration of some of the basic blade forging techniques.

10.00 AM First practical session on the forge.

11.15AM Break for drinks and biscuits.

11.30 AM Demonstration and second practical session.

1.00 PM Lunch break.

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

3.30 PM Break for drinks and biscuits.

4.00 PM Final practical session.

5.00 PM Completion of work and course ends.

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