



# Tŷ-Mawr

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Introduction to Lime / Lime Plastering - Course Information Pack

# Summary



## INTRODUCTION TO LIME & LIME PLASTERING

### COURSE DATES 2026:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**COST:** £320 +VAT per person

**TIME:** 8.30am-5pm

### Day 1

Day one of this course is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to lime in buildings. The day starts with an illustrated talk on the properties and use of lime. The course then focuses on practical demonstrations and hands-on work.

**SUITABILITY:** It is suitable for anyone involved in the repair of old buildings or in the construction of ecological new-builds – contractors, homeowners and specifiers.

#### AGENDA:

- Lime – types, properties and use - illustrated talk
- Slaking demonstration and mortar analysis - demonstration
- Selection of limes and aggregates - demonstration
- Gauging and mixing of Hydraulic and Fat limes - demonstration
- Pointing with lime - practical
- Limewashing and surface finishes - practical

### DAY 2

Day two focuses on practical demonstrations and hands-on work using both fat lime putty and hydraulic lime plasters.

**SUITABILITY:** This course is suitable for anyone with a basic knowledge of lime and/or plastering.

#### AGENDA:

- Lime – properties and use (in summary)
- Selecting suitable limes and aggregates for each job
- Mixing and mix ratios. Addition of natural or synthetic hair
- Preparation of backgrounds (stone, lath, wood-wool board etc)
- Practical application – 3-coat work including thicknesses and timing between coats
  - Scratch coat or Pricking out coat – application, scratching
  - Float coat – application and floating up
  - Top coat / Finish Coat
- Tending and protection work - practical
- Other plasters – hemp-lime plaster and woodfibre plaster.

Each day will start at 8.30am with tea/coffee introductions, for a prompt start to the course at 9am. A good, home-cooked lunch and refreshments will be provided during the day and we aim to finish by 5pm.

You should wear suitable work clothes and robust footwear. Tools and any personal protective equipment required will be supplied.

There will be plenty of time to talk to tutors regarding individual projects or applications. We encourage you to email photographs of projects PRIOR the course, allowing us to fit them in the day, and bring samples of plasters and mortars for discussion.



# Nearby places to stay

## CAMPING - STAY WITH US!

There is a lovely campsite at Tŷ-Mawr Farm (where the course is held) for course delegates only - with toilets and cold running water. Additional facilities such as a hot shower, fire pit and kitchenette can be made available. Please email [tymawr@lime.org.uk](mailto:tymawr@lime.org.uk) to check availability and reserve your space.

### **Aubreys Holiday Cottage,**

*Llangors, LD3 7UE*

01874 658577

[www.aubreysllangorse.co.uk](http://www.aubreysllangorse.co.uk)

### **Cathedine Fawr**

*Cathedine - Bed & Breakfast*

[www.airbnb.co.uk](http://www.airbnb.co.uk)

### **Llangorse Activity Centre**

*The Gilfach, Llangorse*

01874 658 272

[www.llangorse.com/accommodation](http://www.llangorse.com/accommodation)

### **Pen-y-Bryn Guest House**

*Llangors, LD3 7UG*

01874 658606

[www.stayinllangorse.com](http://www.stayinllangorse.com)

### **Peterstone Court**

*Llanhamlach - Country House Hotel with leisure facilities*

01874 665387

[www.peterstone-court.com](http://www.peterstone-court.com)

### **Star Bunkhouse**

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01874 730080

[www.starbunkhouse.com](http://www.starbunkhouse.com)

### **The Griffin Inn Felinfach**

*(exhibiting Tŷ-Mawr paints & plasters) -Wonderful restaurant & pub*

01874 620111

[www.eatdrinksleep.ltd.uk](http://www.eatdrinksleep.ltd.uk)

### **The Mill House Trefeitha**

*Self Catering*

[www.airbnb.co.uk](http://www.airbnb.co.uk)

### **The Red Lion - (exhibiting Tŷ-Mawr paints & plasters)**

*Llangors LD3 7TY*

01874 202235

[www.airbnb.co.uk](http://www.airbnb.co.uk) - [www.theredlion.uk](http://www.theredlion.uk)

### **Treberfydd House**

*Llangasty - Within walking distance of Tŷ-Mawr*

01874 730205

[www.treberfydd.com](http://www.treberfydd.com)

### **Ty-Gwydr - (built with all of our materials, insulation & paints)**

*Llangorse*

01874 658413

[www.airbnb.co.uk](http://www.airbnb.co.uk)

## Terms & Conditions

Course fees are refundable up to two weeks prior to the course date minus a £15.00 administration charge.

There can be no refunds for cancellations that occur within 2 weeks of the course but you can transfer your booking to a new date (subject to availability) for a £30.00 administration charge.



# Frequently asked questions

## INTRODUCTION TO LIME

**How many people will be on the course?** On Introduction to Lime days there are usually about 16-18 people but we aim for a maximum ratio of 7 participants to 1 tutor. We use a variety of tutors, all of whom are working lime plasterers running their own contracting businesses.

**What will I have learnt by the end of the day?** The course aims to raise awareness and understanding of lime based materials, and to promote confidence in their use. We have people with a wide range of experience on the courses from homeowners with very little practical knowledge to tradesmen with many years of experience. We're obviously not going to turn you into a craftsman if you haven't already got the tool skills but you will get a feel for the materials, an understanding of how and where they should be used, and the confidence to start using them.

**Is the course linked to the new Heritage Skills card?** The course is not directly linked to the new CSCS Heritage Skills card but a lot of the material is relevant and provides good underpinning knowledge and understanding for the NVQ in Heritage Skills.

**Will I get a Certificate?** The course is not assessed so there is no question of passing or failing, but we do provide an attendance certificate. Many architectural and building firms have sent staff on the course over the years and the content is widely recognised as being relevant to professionals, trades and homeowners.

**Where are the courses held?** The courses are held at our Training Centre based in a Grade II\* granary building, part of Tŷ-Mawr Farm. These buildings are on the site of a medieval manor house on the southern shore of Llangorse Lake in the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

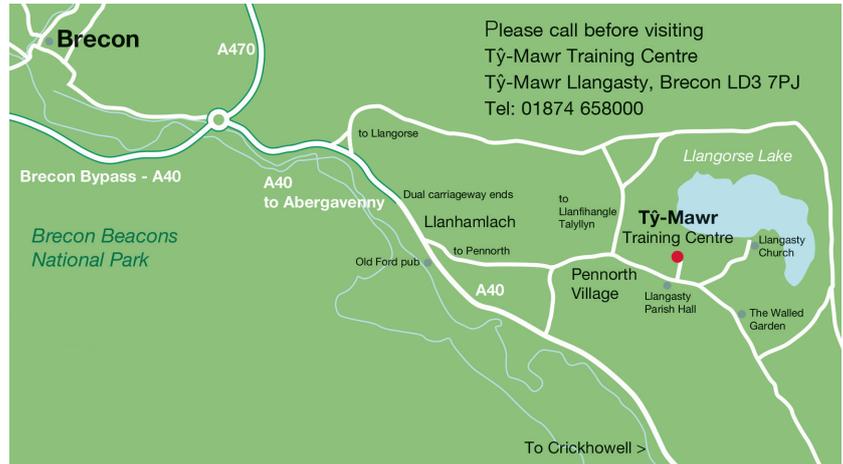
**What tools / clothes do I need to bring?** You'll need to wear suitable work clothes and footwear as there will be a large practical element to the course. Warm clothes are advised in Autumn and Winter months. All tools and protective equipment are provided but some craftsmen like to bring their own tools.

**Is food provided?** A good home cooked lunch is provided in the middle of the day and tea / coffee and other refreshments are available throughout the day. Please advise of any food allergies.

# Directions and Feedback



- From Brecon – follow the A40 towards Abergavenny. When the dual carriageway comes to an end (in Llanhamlach), take the first turning on your left signposted Pennorth. When you get to the hamlet of Pennorth don't take the left turning but continue straight on for about 1/4 mile until you come to Llangasty Village Hall on your right. (The Village Hall is not in a village so don't worry that you're surrounded by fields!) The drive down to Tŷ-Mawr is the next turning on left, immediately after the village hall sign.



- From Abergavenny – follow the A40 towards Brecon. In the village of Bwlch, go straight up the hill into the village. As you descend, take the turning on your right (by the monument), signposted Llangorse. After leaving the village take the 1st turning on your left signposted to Pennorth. Follow this road for approximately 2.5 miles. After passing The Walled Garden on your right you'll come to a turning on the right signposted to Llangasty Church. Don't take this turning - Tŷ-Mawr is the next turning on the right just before Llangasty Village Hall. If you reach the village of Pennorth, you've gone too far!

## Feedback:

*"Course was very well structured and very informative. It was also great to have the opportunity to get involved and get some hands on practical experience. Everyone was very friendly and helpful and lunch was lovely! The best course that we have had! Thank you very much."* Student on MSc Conservation of Historic Buildings Course, Bath University - Introduction to Lime

*"Excellent, friendly relaxed course. Knowledgeable informative instructors. Many thanks."* Introduction to Lime

*"Fantastic weekend, lots of information and about the right level of practical activity. The campsite was great as was the food. I'm a convert!"* 2 day course

*"Has considerably increased our knowledge and understanding together with practical skills. Provided invaluable help with making building specifications."* 2 day course

*"A very good course with right mix of theory and practice."* JM, Homeowner, Buckinghamshire - Lime Plastering

*"A day well spent and lots to go away and think about."* WS, Self build, Shrewsbury - Lime Plastering

As part of our internal Management Quality Assessment, we regularly review the feedback we receive in order to continually improve the quality of our training:

When offered a choice of "good", "adequate", "poor"

93% of attendees felt the time available to talk to tutors was good.

94% felt the written information provided was good.

98% described the facilities as good.

100% described the catering as good (with 14% adding "excellent")