



Boskins, binks and bressumers: An introduction to vernacular buildings

Wednesday 20 September 2017
9.30am to 4.30pm

Cost: £12.50 (pre-booking is essential)

Number of places: 12

Tutor: Alison Armstrong

Venue: Broadrake Bunk Barn, Chapel le Dale



About the course

Vernacular buildings are the attractive houses and barns, built of local stone, which contribute to the unique character of the Ingleborough Dales landscape, with its remote upland farms, small nucleated villages and isolated field barns. Built within the last 400 years by local farmers, such structures are a rich historical resource, though much under-used by historians. Documentary records are sparse and buildings are perhaps not greatly understood by non-specialists.

This one-day course will show participants how buildings can provide evidence of the way people lived and worked, with particular focus on the excellent examples of field barns present in this particular location. Participants will learn about observation and field-drawing, which can yield a wealth of information. No experience is necessary.

The course is part of *Stories in Stone*, a four-year programme of community and heritage projects that has been developed by the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. YDMT is the lead partner.

About the tutor

Alison is an active recorder, speaker and committee member of the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group and a member of the national Vernacular Architecture Group. She has recorded and published in the south Craven area for some decades and is an enthusiast for the multi-disciplined nature of vernacular buildings, old churches and castles.

Course organiser

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Equipment and requirements

It is recommended that you bring:

- pencils, rubber, clipboard, 3m metal measuring tape, large plastic bag for clipboard in case of rain, A4 scrap paper for sketch drawing.
Please note that if you do not own the above items that there will be a limited number available to use on the day
- torch (and a camera may be useful to aid drawing-up).
- appropriate clothing and footwear for working outdoors.

Lunch will be provided for participants, as well as refreshments during the day. Please ensure you have notified us of any dietary requirements.

You will need to be reasonably fit. Please let us know of any medical conditions you have and ensure you bring your medication with you.

Timetable (9.30am to 4.30pm)

- **Introduction to vernacular buildings** (indoors). What they are, why record them; how they are recorded and interpreted; methods used to gather the data through field-recording, drawing-up and analysis of findings. Documentary research such as wills and inventories can add further information.
- **A guided walk** to look at some nearby buildings. This may include a look at raised rooflines, dateable features such as window and door types; the names of structural parts such as roof trusses; the names of spaces/rooms, indicating their original functions.
- **Drawing what you can see** (outdoor practical included in the walk). Field-sketching and observational skills are very important and participants will learn how to observe and depict what they see by drawing.

Bookings

- Once we have received your completed booking form and fee you will receive a confirmation email (or letter).
- Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Completing a booking form does not guarantee a place.
- Telephone bookings are not confirmed until payment has been received.

Fees

- Fees contribute towards the costs of the venue, light refreshments, trainer expenses and any materials provided.

Cancellation policy

- We will do all we can to make sure the event takes place but if we need to cancel it for any reason we will give you as much notice as possible and refund your fee in full.
- If you cancel your place at least eight days prior to the event then your fee will be fully refunded.
- If you cancel seven days or less prior to the event then no refund is payable (unless your place is taken by someone else, in which case we will refund your fee in full).
- If you fail to attend then no refund will be made.

By booking onto the course you are agreeing to the above terms and conditions