



Holme Lacy
College

RURAL CRAFTS CENTRE

COURSES 2025/26

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INTRODUCTION TO TIG WELDING

Duration:	1 day
Day:	See Below
Venue:	Holme Lacy College
Dates:	Thursday 30th October 2025 Thursday 19th February 2026 Monday 6th July 2026
Time:	09:30am – 4:00pm
Cost:	£190.00

This practical course is a refresher or an introduction to TIG welding designed for candidates who are beginners or need to weld for hobby purposes. Trainees progress at their own pace to develop a range of welding skills.

Course Content

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Produce welded joints in Tungsten Inert Gas shielded welding (TIG) to BS4872 Standard
- Identify weld defects in welded joint projects

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be 16 years old or above to enrol on this course. No further entry requirements are needed.

Equipment and Clothing

- Suitable boots
- Hardwearing clothes
- Earplugs or defenders are also recommended

Completion

On successful completion of the course, candidates will be awarded with a College Certificate of Attendance. **This is a non-certified course.**

Progression/Assessment

Trainees progress at their own pace so can move on to the next scheduled course and continue to develop their skills or could join the Professional Welding course to further progress and gain a City and Guilds 3268 Level 1 or Level 2 Award in Welding.

Please note: Course fees are subject to change, please call 0800 032 1986 for the latest details.

INTRODUCTION TO WELDING

Duration:	10 weeks	3 days
Day:	Wednesday	See below
Venue:	Holme Lacy College	Holme Lacy College
Dates:	1st Oct – 10th Dec 2025 (no class 29th Oct)	27th – 29th Oct 2025
	14th Jan – 25th Mar 2026 (no class 18th Feb)	16th – 18th Feb 2026
	15th Apr – 24th Jun 2026 (no class 27th May)	27th – 29th May 2026
		13th – 15th Jul 2026
Time:	6:00pm – 8:00pm	9:30am – 3:30pm
Cost:	£400.00	£400.00

This practical course is a refresher or an introduction to welding designed for candidates who are beginners or who need to weld for hobby purposes. Trainees progress at their own pace to develop a range of welding skills.

Course Content

You will be introduced to:

- Manual Metal Arc (MMA) welding
- Oxy-acetylene welding
- Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding
- Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Produce welded joints in Metal Inert Gas (MIG) shielded welding to BS9606 standard
- Produce welded jointsets in Manual Arc Welding (MMA) to BS9606 standard
- Identify weld defects in welded joints

Equipment and Clothing

- Steel toe capped boots
- Hardwearing clothes
- Earplugs or defenders are recommended
- Welding mask can be borrowed

Entry Requirements

No entry requirements are needed.

Completion

On successful completion of the course, candidates will be awarded with a College Certificate of Attendance. **This is a non-certified course.**

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PROFESSIONAL WELDING LEVEL 1 & LEVEL 2

Duration: 10 Weeks

3 days

Day: TBC

TBC

Venue: Holme Lacy College

Holme Lacy College

Dates: Contact e.harris@hlnc.ac.uk for future dates

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Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

9:15am – 4:30pm

Cost: L1 £610.00 L2 £660.00

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This practical 10 week or 3 day course is designed for candidates who want to gain a recognised qualification in welding. This course is for professional welders who want to gain a recognised qualification and upgrade their skills. It gives you the chance to use the extensive workshop facilities at the Holme Lacy College's Rural Crafts Centre and to draw on the knowledge of expert tutors to develop and consolidate your welding skills.

Course Content

Trainees will work at their own pace to develop their skills in either:

- Manual Metal Arc (MMA) welding
- Oxy-acetylene welding
- Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding
- Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding

Equipment and Clothing

- Suitable boots
- Hardwearing clothes
- Earplugs or defenders are recommended
- Welding mask and overalls

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be 19 years old or above to enrol on this course. No further entry requirements are needed.

Assessment

Learners can choose from City & Guilds 3268 Level 1 or Level 2 Award in:

- Manual Metal Arc (MMA) welding (3268)
- Oxy-acetylene welding
- Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding (3268)
- Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding

Please note: this course is not a combination of all three

Progression

Trainees can attain City & Guilds Level 1 Award in their chosen skill area and can then progress to Level 2 or to an Apprenticeship in Welding.

AN INTRODUCTION TO METALWORK & FABRICATION

Duration:	3 days
Day:	See below
Venue:	Holme Lacy College
Dates:	Contact e.harris@hlnc.ac.uk for future dates
Time:	10:00am – 4:30pm
Cost:	£370.00

This three-day short course is intended for beginners who have a keen interest in any form of fabrication.

Course Content

- How to measure, mark out and cut materials and use the required equipment
- Gain experience on all hand tools and machinery in the workshop, including: an up-to-date plasma table and hand plasma; guillotine; pillar drills; bandsaws; box pan folders; rollers; grinders; sanders and cutting disks
- Fixing and joining methods such as bolts, rivets, pilot holes, tap and dies and spot welding
- Safe working practices and health and safety procedures

At the end of the course, you will get to take home two small projects you have fabricated and then, if you wish, progress onto other short courses such as welding

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be 19 years old or above to enrol on this course. No further entry requirements are needed.

Completion

On successful completion of the course, candidates will be awarded a College Certificate of Attendance.

SAFE USE OF ABRASIVE WHEEL MACHINES

Duration:	1 day
Day:	Monday
Venue:	Holme Lacy College
Dates:	Contact e.harris@hlnc.ac.uk for future dates
Time:	9:30am – 4:30pm
Cost:	£300.00

This is a 1 day course with additional assessment day. If you use abrasive wheel machines for cutting or grinding as part of your work for example in landscaping, building and construction, demolition, salvage and workshops, this qualification will test your competence.

Course Content

- The use of abrasive wheel machines used for grinding or cutting
- Inspecting abrasive wheels and machines for damage, selection, fitting and adjustment of an abrasive wheel
- The operation of an abrasive wheel machine within a specific industrial environment

Entry Requirements

Applicants must be 19 years old or above to enrol on this course. No further entry requirements are needed.

Completion

On successful completion of the course, candidates will be awarded the NPTC Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Abrasive Wheel Machines

INTRODUCTION TO BLACKSMITHING

Duration:	10 weeks	2 days
Day:	Wednesday	See Below
Venue:	Holme Lacy College	Holme Lacy College
Dates:	14th Jan – 25th Mar 2026 (no class 18th Feb)	27th – 28th Oct 2025 27th – 28th May 2026
Time:	6:00pm – 8:00pm	10:00am – 4:00pm
Cost:	£500.00	£410.00

During this practical course you are encouraged to learn at your own pace to produce small decorative pieces and tools. As experience is gained, learners are encouraged to develop their own projects.

Course Content

You will learn the skills of:

- Fire management
- Forging
- Forming
- Cutting and joining

Equipment and Clothing

- Clothing needs to be fire resistant e.g. heavy cotton, not polyester. We recommend long sleeved shirt and trousers (jeans or work trousers preferred) that are wide and long enough to cover boot tops
- Steel toe capped/work boots
- Ear defenders or ear plugs (recommended)
- Overalls or leather apron (optional)
- Safety glasses
- Long hair must be tied up or under a hat
- If you have tools, please bring them or they can be borrowed

Completion

On successful completion of the course, candidates will be awarded a College Certificate of Attendance.

Progression/Assessment

There is no formal assessment on this course. Candidates progress at their own pace so can move on to the next scheduled course and continue to develop skills. Once completed, the introduction candidates can progress onto the Intermediate Blacksmithing course.

INTERMEDIATE BLACKSMITHING

Duration:	3 days	10 Weeks
Day:	Monday – Wednesday	Wednesday
Venue:	Holme Lacy College	Holme Lacy College
Dates:	13th – 15th Jul 2026	1st Oct – 10th Dec 2025 (no class 29th Oct) 15th Apr – 24th Jun 2026 (no class 27th May)
Time:	10:00am – 4:30pm	9:30am – 3:30pm
Cost:	£560.00	£400.00

This practical course is designed for candidates who have completed the Introduction to Blacksmithing course and would like to progress and improve their blacksmithing skills further in a supportive environment.

Candidates will learn a range of different construction techniques to produce a small decorative bracket.

Course Content

- Forging, forming, cutting and joining
- Riveting
- Collaring
- Tenon joint
- Tool making will also be included

Equipment and Clothing

- Clothing needs to be fire resistant e.g. heavy cotton, not polyester. We recommend long sleeved shirt and trousers (jeans or work trousers preferred) that are wide and long enough to cover boot tops
- Steel toe capped work boots
- Ear defenders or ear plugs (recommended)
- Overalls or leather apron (optional)
- Safety glasses
- Long hair must be tied up or under a hat
- If you have tools, please bring them or they can be borrowed

Entry Requirements

Candidates must have completed the Introduction to Blacksmithing or have relevant experience before attending the Intermediate Blacksmithing course.

Progression/Assessment

There is no formal assessment on this course. Candidates progress at their own pace.

Completion

On successful completion of the course, candidates will be awarded a College Certificate of Attendance.

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