

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members to join us at any time. We encourage those wishing to take up woodcarving to come for two taster sessions before making a decision on whether to join the group. We will provide the first piece of limewood and set you off on an initial project for which you will be able to use the club carving tools. Our mentor will help and advise you with this first task. We recommend that you make use of our tools until you have an idea of the tools that best suit you before making any purchases.

Hopefully you will decide to continue carving after your taster sessions. At this stage you will need to complete an enrolment form for the Shropshire Woodcarvers to join the Thursday evening group. In addition you are required to become a member of the British Woodcarving Association, the national organisation that provides public liability insurance, and you will need to complete their membership form. The forms are available to download on this site.

If you wish to join in with the Saturday sessions that are held on the second Saturday of each month there is an additional annual fee of £15 to cover the hire costs of the workshops at Pontesbury School. Alternatively you can select to attend on occasional Saturdays and pay £2 for each of those sessions

On Saturdays there is a short open formal meeting to discuss the running of BWAS and then followed by either a guest speaker or workshop led by a member or visiting professional carver. There is also the opportunity to continue with your own carving project.

The Shropshire Woodcarvers do have a badge and optional items of club uniform which include navy blue sweat shirts and fleeces plus pale blue polo shirts all of which can be purchased in Shrewsbury Market Hall.

TIMES OF CARVING SESSIONS

Thursday meetings in term time at the Mary Webb School are **7pm – 9.30pm**

Saturday meeting are generally **12midday – 5pm** with a formal meeting at **2pm**
On occasion there are full day workshops

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Annual membership of the British Woodcarving Association £20 adult and £5 under 21

Termly charge for Thursday evening sessions at Pontesbury is currently £20

Annual charge for the Saturday sessions £15 or £2 each Saturday attended

