



**Course Title:** Introduction to Stonemasonry

**Duration:** 3 days

**Course Description:**

This 3 day professionally taught workshop gives an excellent introduction to the processes involved in the production of architectural stonework and stone masonry for students of all abilities. This course is fantastic introduction for anyone looking to undertake further formal training to become a stonemason and provides a taster of working stone with traditional hand tools.

The course is based on the production of a classical ovolo mould complete with internal and external mitres, the processes involved being fundamental in the production of all architectural stonework. The ovolo mould can be found in many guises in both historic and modern architecture from classical columns to the basis of egg and dart ornamentation.

Stone and all the tools and equipment required for the course are provided. Attendees will take home with them an excellent example of stonework demonstrating their understanding of the processes involved in its production.

**Course Outline:**

Topics Include

- Selection of suitable stone including identification of defects.
- Correct selection, use and care of tools.
- Working true flat surfaces without twist from rough blocks.
- Making Templates
- Marking out of templates.
- Correct methods of working mouldings.
- Marking out of internal and external mitres.
- Finishes.

**Suitable for:** This course is suitable for stonemasonry apprentices and those who are considering further college or work based training to become a time served stonemason. We are always happy to help learners choose the right course. Please contact us if you would like to discuss which course is suitable for you or your employees.