





Hello Mauchline Community, Friends & Partners,

We would like to wish you all a Happy Holidays this festive season and wish you the very best for the New Year.

As you may be aware a key objective within the Mauchline CARS was to increase the knowledge in traditional building skills and we are happy to share with you that we have now confirmed a



Training Programme with the Scottish Lime Centre Trust (SLCT). This will include four courses which are currently at the early stages of planning and dates for commencement are yet to be confirmed.

Courses being launched will include;

Repair of traditional masonry

This 2 day workshop aims to provide an introductory guide to the use of a range of lime and other traditional binders for the effective conservation and repair of traditional masonry. By the end of the course attendees will be able to recognise vernacular and historic finishes to masonry buildings and will gain an understanding of building diagnostics in order to be able to develop specifications in relation to exposure, season, substrates and the nature of masonry repairs required.















Traditional Scottish slate roofing

This one day course aims to provide an introductory guide to traditional Scottish roofs including function, structure, external roof shapes, typical details and decorative features, the causes of deterioration and the main causes of failure. Practical work includes sizing and trimming slates, setting out and nailing a simple traditional slate roof and undertaking repairs.

Traditional joinery for windows and doors

This practical course will prove invaluable if you have a property with Sash and Case Windows. Including a short history of the development of windows before looking at the different components that make up a window and the issues to consider when approaching repairs. Topics covered will include window dismantling and reassembly, replacing ropes, weights, panes and putty. Various repair and improvement techniques will also be covered.

Traditional sign writing

This workshop is inspired by signage and lettering, including ghost signs. You'll get to learn about the history of sign painting and the main brush strokes used in sign writing. At the end of the workshop, each person will get to take home their own hand-painted sign!

Yours sincerely,

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