

## Clay Plastering Course 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Whitland, Carmarthenshire.



Join us on this 5-day Lime Rendering course; Dan Y Berllan is one of a group of four smallholdings on the border of Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire, which gained planning permission in 2016 under the Welsh policy of One Planet Development. As a condition of the planning, residents must meet their basic needs from the land and build “zero carbon” homes. This project is a timber-framed straw bale family home, 9 by 13 metres. Clay from on site will be used to plaster the inside of some of the bale walls, and to create light clay straw internal stud walls. The above picture shows progress to March 2017.

While participating on the course you will understand; Why we use clay plaster, how to make the mixture, how to apply it to strawbale walls and you’ll learn just how beautiful it is!

Clay plastering is great fun. It’s also a very effective covering for strawbale walls, providing a beautiful, warm, cosy environment. Clay plaster helps to control moisture in a building and enables walls to breathe. It is also beneficial to the health of those living there and has great acoustic benefits. Clay plastering can also be artistic, look at this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frCdOxLCYA>. Included in the price is a vegetarian lunch and refreshments each day. Basic camping space on site for a small number of people may be available by arrangement and there are lots of other local options.

Barbara Jones will be teaching on this course. She is the most experienced strawbale builder in the UK. With a world-wide reputation, she works as a trainer, builder, designer, consultant and writer in the field of natural building. Barbara loves to teach and ensures course participants have a wonderful learning experience. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

### Cost

£325 for 5-day course  
Refreshments and vegetarian lunch included

### Accommodation

Basic camping space on site available, please ask for further information

### Times

We will work from 8:45 – 17:00 each day

### Bookings

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