This event is part of the CWA Knowledge and Skill Development Training Programme, funded by the Scottish Government Skills Development Scheme and the Robertson Trust.

Introduction
This report focuses on the Wooplaw Greenwood Weekend – This event took place on the last weekend in May 2013 training a total of 19 people. This report summarises these events and gives feedback on the success of the project.

Why did we do this?
The purpose of the events was to encourage and facilitate green woodworking activities in Wooplaw and among other similar groups and individuals.
Demonstrate green woodworking skills.
Train participants.
Allow participants to make and take away working shave horses/lathes.
Improve the use of equipment.
To allow other groups to set up their own green woodworking groups.

Wooplaw Green Woodworking Weekend
The aim of the course is:
On successful completion of the training participants will be able to
Use tools
Work with wood
Take home a completed horse/lathe

The objectives of the course are - participants will be able to:
1. Select materials for the manufacture of a pole lathe or shaving horse
2. Manufacture a shaving horse or pole lathe
3. Use the appropriate tools on a shaving horse or pole lathe.
4. Select material for use on the equipment
5. Be able to use their equipment subsequently
6. To encourage them to spread their skills to other local groups.

Event trainers; Bob Fleet, Jay Read, Dave Hall
Bob and Jay have previously run courses making pole lathes and shaving horses at Wooplaw and last year at Dunnet Woodland. Bob is a regular pole lathe demonstrator at shows and events around the Scottish Borders as well as a power turner and member of “The Crafters” cooperative.
Dave is a greenwood worker who is the contact for the Wooplaw greenwood group and sends out the greenwood newsletter. He is an accomplished spoon carver and green woodworker.
List of course participants

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Course content

**Day1.**
Design criteria for lathes and shaving horses as appropriate.
Selection of tools and design criteria for their use
Material selection for construction.
Construction of personalised horses/lathes
Use of tools on the equipment
Demonstration and training in use.
Properties of different woods for use in manufacturing objects.

**Day2.**
Continue from day 1 until complete.
Possibility of visitors to make something from greenwood

Feedback from participants

Total number of participants returning feedback was 15 out of 20. Some were groups so made 1 return.

Feedback from participants

How did you hear about this event?
Email from a friend  
word of mouth  
Wooplaw website  
Training with Youth vision e-newsletter  
community newsletter  
Greenwood Group

Please rate the event against the following criteria, circling the appropriate statements:

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Do you feel that the event delivered your expectations?

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If your answer was ‘No’ or ‘Partly’ please tell us why, and how we might improve things.

Please tell us why you wanted to take part in this event?

- Learn new skills, Meet local green woodworkers  
- Green woodworking  
- To make a shave horse  
- Interest in green woodworking  
- We run a youth project, we took away 2 shave horses and everyone enjoyed a community day out  
- Wanting to learn more woodworking skills  
- Day out  
- Learn more about woodwork  
- You learn what to do  
- Skills to build more greenwood work tools  
- To learn new skills and participate in event  
- Interest in wood  
- To learn how to make a shave horse  
- Experience + developing skills + have a laugh  
- Learn woodworking skills

What benefits do you feel you gained from attending the event?

- More confidence in using hand tools  
- Learned some green woodworking  
- Learning how to use new tools  
- Family bonding, learn new skills
Skills improvement
Excellent woodcrafts and the youth were able to socialise and gain experience from others
Increased skills
More knowledge & confidence
Working hard
Skills
Interaction, enjoyment and good experience
Knowledge and meeting people
The confidence to make another item to try more green woodworking
Good fun, developed green woodworking skills
A shave horse

What will you do with the experience / skills / ideas you have gained from attendance?
Will use new skills (and shaving horse) immediately for a schools project
Green woodworking
Make more things
Apply them in my local woodland
Use in pursuit of hobbies
We will use the shave horses in our youth group. The youth who came went away with new skills and a huge sense of achievement
Use them!
Learn some more if I find the time
Maybe show people what to do
How to build shavehorse
Try out green woodworking in future
Develop them
Practice & learn more
Use them in teaching experiences
Shave wood sustainably

Would you recommend others to take part in such an event?

| Yes | 14 | No |

Please explain why / why not:
It was good
A good thing to do
A great day out. To continue to use skills of the past which will be easily lost without these workshops
Great community spirit + sharing of tips
Good fun
Great way to spend the day
More people to take part
These skills need to continue in the world
Good atmosphere and nice setting
Good Location & atmosphere
Fun + Skills developed at the course are hard to find

What would you like to see Community Woodlands Association do next?
Are there other training / seminar opportunities would you like to see organised?

More events
More of the same
Using pole lathe
Kitchen utensils Workshops
Don’t know really
More training lessens on different tools
Wildlife walks
More woodworking, willow weaving
More events like this
More woodworking, woodland skills

Do you have any other comments on any aspect of the event?

Nice weather
A great day, great instruction, great learning and a great experience
It’s been a good day so far
Good event, contact form on website may be acting up
Very much enjoyed it (The jokes were obviously the best part)