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## BLADE SHEARING 1-DAY INTRODUCTION (9 AM-5 PM)

Learn the ancient craft of sheep shearing with blade shears from master shearer and shepherd Andy Wear. Understand the history and theory behind shearing contextualised within modern day shepherding, before going on to learn key sheep handling and shearing techniques. A typical workshop might go something like this:

### 10:00 FARM WALK + TALK

Resident shepherd and master shearer Andy Wear will give a brief tour of Fernhill Farm. If your group has any specific interests please let us know—a typical tour might cover history of sheep in the Mendips; meeting the sheep on the farm; lambing and unique features of the farm e.g. solar thermal and wetland systems.

### 11:00 SHEEP. HANDLING + MANOEUVRING

The morning session will focus on safe techniques for handling and manoeuvring sheep as well as an introduction to the tools, equipment and workwear used. Learners will increase their understanding of sheep, why they are shorn, why it is important to do it well and have an appreciation for the difference between shearing with traditional blades and by machine.

### 13:00 LUNCH

BYO or even better, bring something to share with the group.

### 14:00-17:00 SHEARING

Your turn! Andy will demonstrate and teach a range of basic techniques used to shear, after which you will get to practice your new skills for the rest of the afternoon, benefitting from expert supervision as well as peer-peer observation and feedback.

**BOOKING INFO** | To book please email: [emma@workingwool.co.uk](mailto:emma@workingwool.co.uk)

Min. group size: 3 (but please get in touch if you are fewer) · 10% discount available for schools  
Prices include all materials, tuition and teas/coffee/water unless otherwise stated. Prices do not include transport or lunch.

To secure your booking we usually require a £100 deposit. Regretfully we are not able to refund this deposit for cancellations unless we are notified more than one month in advance of the workshop.

### PRICING

Group size	Price per person
3-8	£95