



# Calverley Old Hall – Sector-based Work Academy Placement (SWAP)

**Taster Days:** 24 or 25 May 2022 – 9.15am - 4.30pm

**SWAP:** Monday – Friday, 6 weeks. Monday 13 June – Friday 22 July 2022. Approx. 9.45am – 4pm each day, with some off-site visits which may include longer days.

**At:** Calverley Old Hall, 10 Woodhall Rd, Calverley, Pudsey LS28 5NL (and some off-site visits during the SWAP)

**Cost:** Free of charge. Participants can continue to collect job-seeking benefits and travel costs where applicable and lunch will be provided.

## About the Landmark Trust

Founded in 1965, The Landmark Trust is one of Britain's leading building conservation charities.

We save historic buildings in danger of being lost forever.

We sensitively restore these 'Landmarks' into self-catering holiday accommodation available to all, and the lettings income supports their maintenance and survival in our landscape, culture and society.

Our ability to restore historic buildings and keep them in good repair depends on the survival of traditional craft skills, employed using age-old materials and techniques.

## Calverley Old Hall

In Spring 2022 we are embarking on our biggest project to date at Calverley Old Hall, a medieval building which has architecture dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. As part of the project we are offering a range of Engagement activities so that our local communities can learn, enjoy and experience the site and the work taking place.

## Sector-based Work Academy Programme

In June – July this year we are hosting a 6-week long sector-based work academy at Calverley Old Hall. Designed for up to 12 adults (18 years and older) looking to develop their skills and experience in building and construction methods and to learn traditional craft skills in the hopes of securing employment in the construction industry.

Further details about SWAPs are available here: <https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/government-services/sector-based-work-academy-programme-swaps/>

## What will be covered in the SWAP?

We will cover a broad range of skills including:

- Stone masonry
- Joinery
- Bricklaying
- Lime plastering

- Leaded lights
- Carpentry
- Interview skills
- CV writing
- Applying for jobs
- And more

All SWAP participants who attend the full 6 weeks will be given the opportunity to interview for two full time, paid 2-year apprenticeships being hosted by our main contractors for the Calverley Old Hall project. The taught part of the apprenticeship will be at Leeds College of Building. The two apprenticeships are likely to be one in joinery and the other in brickwork.

### **How to sign up**

Complete an application form and come along to one of our two Taster Days. Here we can share further information about the 6-week programme, and answer any questions you may have. The 12 SWAP participants will be chosen from those attending one of the Taster Days – on the basis of the person specification outlined below. Please note, priority for acceptance to the SWAP will be given to those who can be given a referral by their Job Centre work coach for the SWAP.

### **The Taster Days will include:**

- Talks on:
  - An introduction to building conservation
  - The benefits of heritage apprenticeships
- Demonstrations and have-a-go:
  - Blacksmithing
  - Lime slaking
  - Joinery
  - Lime plastering
  - Stonemasonry

### **Person specification**

- English at Entry Level 2/3
- Willingness to learn
- Interest in building and construction skills (No prior experience necessary)
- Commitment to the full 6 weeks of the course
- Availability to take up a 2-year paid apprenticeship, if successful, starting in September 2022, supported by Leeds College of Building.

### **Will this affect my benefits?**

Jobseekers claiming either Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) will continue to receive benefits whilst taking part in the SWAP, and if you need to travel to the employer's place of work or to where the training is held, you may be able to receive help covering the cost of public transport and/or appropriate childcare.

For further information about the Taster Days and SWAP please contact [calverley@landmarktrust.org.uk](mailto:calverley@landmarktrust.org.uk)