



Plumpton College

**Plumpton College at Netherfield  
Centre for Sustainable Food & Farming**  
Course Information

<b>Course Name:</b> Charcoal Making		<b>Tutor:</b> John Shepherd
<b>Venue:</b> Ivyland Farm Netherfield Nr. Battle East Sussex TN33 9QB	<b>1 day course</b>	
	<b>Start Time:</b> 9.30 am	
	<b>Finish time:</b> 4.00 pm	
<b>Designed for:</b> Any one who is interested in learning how to make charcoal. No previous experience needed.		
<b>Aims of the course:</b> To carry out a small scale charcoal burn, covering different style kilns.		
<b>Typical number of delegates:</b> 10	<b>Course runs approximately twice a year.</b>	
<b><u>Course Timetable</u></b>		
<b>9.30 am – 10.00 am</b>	Course administration/ tea or coffee/introductions	
<b>10.00 am – 10.30 am</b>	Introduction to history of charcoal making and the burning process.	
<b>10.30 am – 12.30 pm</b>	Unpacking kilns, different kiln designs and loading kilns. Lighting kilns.	
<b>12.30 pm – 1.30 pm</b>	Lunch	
<b>1.30 pm – 3.30 pm</b>	Monitoring burn and discussion on wood types, sourcing kilns and marketing charcoal.	
<b>3.45 pm – 4.00 pm</b>	Summary /Questions and Answers Tea / Coffee and Course Evaluations	
<b>What you need to bring:</b> Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. This is a practical course working outside please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. (Gloves are available if you do not have them). <b>In response to recent events, please ensure that items of clothing and footwear used previously on another farm, have been thoroughly cleaned.</b>		
<b>Course Outcome:</b> College Certificate (on request)		
<b>Follow on course suggestions:</b> Introduction to Coppicing, Stock Fencing, Hedgelaying <b>For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College at Netherfield</b>		
<b>To book this course, for further information</b> Plumpton College at Netherfield Netherfield Place Farm, Netherfield, Nr. Battle. East Sussex TN33 9PY Telephone: 01424 775615 e-mail <a href="mailto:info@netherfieldcentre.co.uk">info@netherfieldcentre.co.uk</a> <b>In case of an emergency on the day of the course please contact: 01273 838620</b>		