

Blacksmithing Experience

I am offering taster sessions in Blacksmithing, so people can come along and try this ancient and engaging craft.

My sessions are now 3 hours on weekday mornings. Start time 9.30am.
(SESSIONS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE)

I am **David Southgate**, a resident blacksmith at **Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet** on Abbeydale Road South in Sheffield S7 2QW. I studied Blacksmithing at the National Blacksmithing School in Hereford, and with Bob Oakes at Cold Hanworth Forge in Lincoln.

Tuition will be on a one-to-one or one-to-two basis.

No previous experience is necessary, although you need to be ready to hit hot metal with a hammer for a morning! You will make an ornate "J" hook. I chose this piece because it includes many basic skills of blacksmithing such as drawing out, tapering, bending, twisting, setting down, and hot punching.

I will provide loan of a safety visor, apron and gloves, and all materials and consumables, tea and coffee.

Please wear sturdy boots or shoes (preferably leather), long trousers (jeans are fine) and long-sleeved top made from natural fibre. Plenty of warm layers and a hat in winter. There is a café on site or you can bring your own food if you like.

For one person: half day (3 hours) £125.
For two people sharing: half day (3 hours) £190.

Gift vouchers available.



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