

Client feedback

“Jonathan Sells is an exceptional teacher, able to adapt his teaching to suit the requirements of his students. He works easily with children, adults, individuals and groups. He combines the precision skills of a stonemason with the artistic intuition of a sculptor and so is able to instruct and guide his students along whichever path they choose to follow. By sharing his knowledge and his passion for carving, Jonathan has inspired me and many others to explore this exciting art-form”.

Jennifer Wearden, Honorary Research Fellow, Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

“ Whether you want to work large or small, carve lettering, reliefs or perhaps get stuck into a more ambitious three-dimensional piece Jonathan will help you achieve your dreams and yes... your friends will be impressed but even better so will you!”

“His classes are always fun without being frivolous and although learning is a serious business it’s easy to pick up a lot of knowledge when you’re enjoying yourself. Time passes quickly and all too soon it seems it’s time to pack up... but then you are looking forward to the next class”.

Jeremy Calderwood

Prices and Contact

A rough guide to group prices:

- Sessions start from £80 pp per day (includes price of stone for relief carvings) plus travel expenses.
- Rates are negotiable for schools according to needs, number of children and length of sessions.
- Discounts available for 2 days or more, e.g. 2 days £145 (saving £15); 3 days £215 (saving £25); 4 days £275 (saving £45)
- Recommended group size for beginners: 6 people max; for intermediates: 8 people max.
- Minimum charge per day session £200. (more than 2 people would meet this requirement)

In the first instance Jonathan would discuss your unique needs and requirements either in person, or by phone.

One to One Tuition is also available, please contact Jonathan to discuss your individual needs.

Solid ground is advisable, however a canvas tarpaulin can be provided free of charge to protect your lawn. For an additional £30, two optional weather shelters / strong gazebos can also be provided (£15 for one).

Contact Jonathan for an informal, no obligation chat, or to find out more about the stone carving activities he can provide:

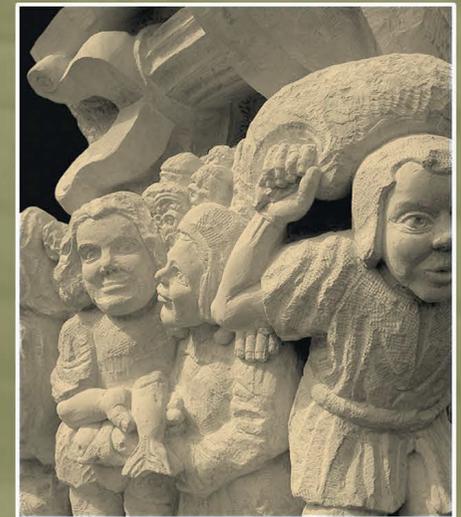
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Stone Carving Tuition

Tailored to your specific need...



About Jonathan



Jonathan Sells is a professional stone carver and mason, who studied architectural carving and stone masonry at Weymouth College, Dorset, where he trained with Portland stone masons. As a sculptor and artist he is self-taught. He has over thirty years' experience, which has enabled him to work successfully with architects, public bodies and individual members of the public, to create unique and inspiring pieces of artwork. As an international sculptor, he works from his studio base at Corfe Castle, Dorset, where he happily undertakes hand-carved stonework commissions including fireplaces, garden furniture, water features, birdbaths, functional artefacts for inside and out, wedding and birth gifts etc. Letter cutting and restoration work can also be carried out.

Jonathan has taught stone carving and sculpture for many years at various schools and a variety of venues. He has worked with a cross section of the community, comprising varying ages and abilities.

What do the sessions include?

Practical, friendly stone carving tuition delivered to your door.

Sessions can include:

- Introductory carving techniques (for beginners)
- Direct carving
- Letter cutting
- Relief carving
- Roughing out to fine detail/ 3D sculpture
- Information about different types of stone and their properties

Jonathan is able to travel to provide workshops. A dry, well lit enclosure with a hard floor is the ideal environment to work in, but if not available, Jonathan can provide a gazebo (or two) to house outdoor workshops.

See prices for details.

- Family groups
- Team building activities for schools and businesses
- Children's parties
- Social gatherings
- PR events, art groups
- Enhancing personal interests, and more!



Caters for a wide range...

Jonathan provides all the tools and stone required for sessions along with protective eyeglasses.

Jonathan will run through health and safety prior to each lesson.

It is recommended to wear old clothing as there will be stone dust present, and hardy footwear to protect against sharp tools and heavy stone.

All children should be supervised by an adult. The minimum age for a child to attend stone carving lessons is 6-years old.

