

SOLENT GUILD OF WOODCARVERS & SCULPTORS

LEARNING TO CARVE

Probably the best way is to attend a one- or two-day introductory course given by experienced carvers. Some courses are listed in the [Woodcarving](#) magazine. Locally, the [Weald and Downland Living Museum](#) and [West Dean College](#) provide short courses. This will allow you to gauge whether you like carving or not at minimal expense and without having to buy various equipment.

Another way is through evening classes. These used to be run by local authorities but very few exist these days. The alternative are private evening or afternoon classes run by experienced carvers.

Another way is to join a local woodcarving club like the Solent Guild of Woodcarvers and Sculptors [SGWCS \(solentguildofwoodcarvers.org.uk\)](http://solentguildofwoodcarvers.org.uk). There are others in the south of England; some are listed in the Links tab of the Guild's web site. However, these groups do not necessarily give formal tuition but do provide basic guidance so learning is probably at a slower pace.

Searching the web will generally identify local clubs and classes. Libraries is another source of information.

Please contact the Guild if you require further information.