

HAWKWOOD
centre for future thinking

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Courses
and Events

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Welcome to Hawkwood

**“You’ve got a place
and I’ve got an idea.”**

Those words, spoken seventy-eight years ago, began Hawkwood’s story – and the same spark of collaboration continues to guide us today.

Hawkwood is a place for ideas to grow: a centre for future thinking where creativity, wellbeing, leadership and sustainability meet. From art and craft residencies to music and writing courses, restorative retreats to ecology and leadership programmes, our work invites people to imagine new possibilities and shape a better future.

Rooted in our beautiful biodynamic estate in the Cotswolds - home also to Stroud Community Agriculture - we are proud of our long tradition of hospitality and care. We welcome over 20,000 visitors each year, providing a much needed place for growth, creativity, conversation, and exploration.

However you come to Hawkwood, you’ll find delicious, organic food, a warm welcome, and a relaxed, informal learning environment.

We look forward to welcoming you to Hawkwood.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alicia Carey".

Alicia Carey
Chief Executive

Climate Action Lab

Online Course

A series of interactive webinars exploring the importance of creativity and creative leadership in achieving effective climate action. Supported by Stroud District Council Cultural Strategy.

Guest Speakers

Weekly sessions 1st - 29th July
From £3 per session

Writing People, Places and Wildlife

Stephen Moss and Gail Simmons
Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th July
From £531

Develop your nature and place writing through field trips, readings and practical exercises with two leading nature and travel writers.

Summer Reading Retreat

Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th July
From £310

Treat yourself to a peaceful weekend of reading, good company, and nourishing seasonal food. Includes lunch with a published author.

Hand-Tied Floral Bouquets

Ruth Gwynn and Shirley Jones
Sunday 5th July
£140

Experience a relaxing and inspiring creative day as you learn to craft a beautiful hand-tied bouquet using locally grown, seasonal British flowers.

How to Fall in Love With The Future

Rob Hopkins

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th July
From £380

Inspire and unleash your radical imagination to transform your work and meet the challenges of today.

Running and Mindfulness

Ra Twilley and Francesca Eve
Friday 10th - Sunday 12th July
From £310

Mindful running weekend with three trail runs, form guidance, meditation, yoga and tai chi, designed to make running a nourishing part of our lives.

Matthew Barley and 51 Strings

Wednesday 29th July
£8 / £5

World-renowned cellist Matthew Barley and 51 Strings present an intimate work-in-progress from their Hawkwood residency — a first glimpse of new work inspired by UK, Finland, Turkey, Gambia.

Gong Master Training

Aidan McIntyre, Tim Byford, Kevin Goulding, Elisabetta Fossaluzza, Sophie Stercx and Liz Whiter

Friday 31st July - Sunday 9th August
From £1,993

Join our world-renowned gong training, established over 30 years, offering comprehensive learning opportunities to master sacred sound for performance and therapy.





Credit: Karla Gowlett and Environmental Funders Network

Dance The Circle Round

Stephanie Rose

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th August

From £300

Find the joy of dancing with others whilst learning both traditional folk and modern choreographed circle dances.

Knot and Natural Dye a Macramé Plant Hanger

Sam Chorley

Saturday 15th August

£115

Learn to knot a macramé plant hanger and naturally bundle dye your creations using flowers, seeds and leaves.

Landscapes in Oil Day

Warren Sealey

Saturday 15th August

£125

Develop your landscape painting skills with oils using our beautiful grounds as your subject matter.

Fermentation Masterclass

Clare Heal

Sunday 16th August

£140

Learn the science and practicalities of fermentation. Harness the power of microbes to preserve the seasons.

Self-Guided Writing Retreat

Monday 17th - Friday 21st August

From £607.50

Find space, silence and time to write freely. Five fully-catered, residential, unhurried days dedicated entirely to your words.

WILDWOOD!

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd August

From £400

A lively, fun-filled, family weekend of outdoor adventure, creativity and nature-inspired activities to explore together. See website for full programme.

Craig Ogden Classical Guitar Masterclass

Craig Ogden

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th August

From £390

A course for accomplished and enthusiastic guitarists who want to improve their playing and performance with guitar virtuoso, Craig Ogden.

Craig Ogden Classical Guitar Concert

Craig Ogden

Friday 28th August

£10/£12

A lively summer evening concert from one of the most successful classical guitarists of his generation.

Choral Weekend with Gavin Carr

Gavin Carr

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th September

From £360

Explore Schubert's wonderfully uplifting Mass in A-flat Major in a relaxing weekend under the guidance of one of the UK's top choral maestros.

Willow Log Baskets

Tess Wakeling

Saturday 5th &

Sunday 6th September

£225

Using traditional basket making methods, learn how to shape a large, strong basket suitable for logs or storage around the home.

Online: Peace and Hope in a Time of Polycrisis

See website for list of contributors

Thursday 10th -

Friday 11th September

From £5

At a time of geopolitical unrest, we gather with those working at the forefront of peace, reconciliation and hope, to explore how we might work towards more peaceful futures.

Tango Music Weekend

Mirek Salmon & Caroline Pearsall

Friday 11th -

Sunday 13th September

From £425

Strings, woodwind, piano and accordion players - come and learn authentic Golden Age tango music from the 1930s - 1950s, and play for the dancers!

Tango Dance and Musicality Weekend

Caroline Mathias

Friday 11th -

Sunday 13th September

From £320

Deepen your tango musicality, making your dancing more expressive and connected. Dance to live music and experience the wonderful marriage of sound and movement!

Leather Satchel Workshop

Ruth Pullan

Saturday 12th September

£155

Learn to make a hand stitched mini leather satchel using traditional techniques and British leather, dyed to the colours of your choice.

Writing for Uncertain Times

Lucy English and John Strachan

Sunday 13th -

Wednesday 16th September

From £547.50

Explore the power of imagination and how we can use creative writing to refresh a vision of what is possible through poetry, story and memoir.

Songwriting and Spoken Word: Between The Lines

Jasmine Gardosi and

Dan Whitehouse

Monday 14th -

Thursday 17th September

From £547.50

Be guided through the musicality of language and the power of storytelling through writing, voice, rhythm and collaboration.

Writing, Editing and Publishing Your Novel

Cat Camacho and Ally Wilkes

Thursday 17th -
Sunday 20th September
From £624.50

Our flagship novel writing course is back with workshops and one-to-ones on structure, editing and publication - as reviewed in The Sunday Times.

Tabletop Puppets: From Design to Life

Fagner Gastaldon
Friday 18th -
Sunday 20th September
From £360

Design, build and animate your very own expressive tabletop puppet, inspired by Bunraku puppetry, ready for performance.

Celtic Knot Trivet and Basket Making

Laurence Knoop
Saturday 19th September
£115

Learn traditional rope weaving and knot techniques to craft a beautiful Celtic trivet and basket.

The Art of The Healing Voice

Cáit Branigan and Caitlín Matthews
Thursday 24th -
Sunday 27th September
From £480

Work with the healing voice, drawing on ancestral traditions through toning, song and shamanic practice.

Exploring Calligraphy

Gwyneth Hibbett
Friday 25th -
Sunday 27th September
From £355

An introduction to calligraphy, learning to use nibs, inks and brushes with confidence.

Eating for Resilience

Sarah Bayliss
Saturday 26th September
£115

Build metabolic resilience and vitality through practical nutrition insights.

Food Writing: Word of Mouth

Kate Young and Ella Risbridger
Monday 28th September -
Saturday 3rd October
From £781.50

Explore food writing in all its many forms - from memoir to manual, from poetry to plays, fiction, graphic novels and beyond.

Intuitive Painting Retreat: Slowing into Autumn

Christina Sadler
Sunday 4th October
£120

A calming day inspired by the changing light, rich colour, and slower rhythms of the natural world.

Japanese Woodblock Printing

Hiroko Imada
Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October
From £380

Design your own block, carve and print whilst learning how to use new tools and learn about designs based on traditional Japanese patterns.

Finding Quiet Strength

Judith Kleinman

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October

From £340

A course designed to restore our daily lives to an ideal balance of work, rest and play.

Autumn Forest Bathing

Dee Aebischer

Saturday 10th October

£50

A gentle, nature-based therapeutic practice to reduce stress and enhance wellbeing.

Bringing Life Writing Alive

Ali Millar and Horatio Clare

Sunday 11th -

Thursday 15th October

From £760

Work with critically-acclaimed authors Ali Millar and Horatio Clare to develop life writing to publication standard.

Deep Time Walk Facilitator Training

Robert Woodford and Mathilde Braddock

Wednesday 14th October

A three-part, hybrid facilitator training with Deep Time Walk. Create unforgettable and transformative learning experiences.

Eating for Immunity

Sarah Bayliss

Saturday 17th October

£115

Discover how to transform your immune health this winter through the power of food, simple kitchen techniques, and daily resilience practices.

Swiss Darning for Knitwear Repair

Skye Pennant

Sunday 18th October

£128

Learn this technique that can be used to either embellish and creatively repair your favourite knits, or match the original colour for a discreet finish.

Further Journeys in Gong Mastery

Aidan McIntyre and Tim Byford

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October

From £825

Deepen your gong technique and mastery, and develop your practice for use in therapeutic and group settings.



Ali Millar



Horatio Clare

Self-Guided Writing Retreat

Friday 23rd - Tuesday 27th October

From £607.50

Find space, silence and time to write freely. Five fully-catered, unhurried days dedicated entirely to your words.

Autumn Wild Medicine Workshop

Flora Scott

Saturday 24th October

£120

Explore the value of incorporating medicinal plants into safe and useful remedies to support health over the winter months.

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Deep Ecology: Samhain

Jennifer Horsfall & Mark Graham
Sunday 1st November
£75

Seek to inspire a creative response to the seasonal cycle and explore the connection between nature, human nature, and the quest for authenticity.

Wander: A Celebration of Walking

See website for list of contributors
Tuesday 3rd and
Wednesday 4th November
From £180

A residential gathering exploring how walking transforms health, community, creativity and our connection to nature.

Finishing and Pitching Your Novel

**Ally Wilkes and Cat Camacho
with Meg Davis**
Thursday 5th -
Sunday 8th November
From £625

Immerse yourself in writing, editing and progressing your novel to guide you towards publication. Guest speaker - Literary Agent, Meg Davis.

Still Life Painting in Oils

David Barber
Friday 6th - Sunday 8th November
From £342.50

Learn to paint convincing still life in oils, mastering colour, light, composition and technique.

Environment, Travel and Nature Writing

Nick Hunt
Friday 13th - Sunday 15th November
From £349

Author, teacher and mentor Nick Hunt will introduce you to writing inspired by place – whether from faraway journeys or adventures closer to home.

The Yoga of Vocal Sound

James D'Angelo
Saturday 14th November
£85

Explore the power of the voice through sound, breath and movement.

Loom Weaving with Wool

Rebecca Connolly
Saturday 14th November
£122

Learn the traditional skills to set up a simple loom and weave creative wool samples.

Temporal Imaginations

Keri Facer and Harriet Hand
Monday 16th - Wednesday
18th November
From £520

Understand your relationship with time - where it is helping and hindering your work, your life and your efforts to make positive change in the world.

Your Sovereign Voice: Awakening the Music of Your Soul

Chloë Goodchild
Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd November
From £340

Take away skilful, conscious communication practices inspired by your spoken, sung and silent voice, enabling you to engage with the music of your life.

Festive Porcelain Lantern Workshop

Juli Bharucha

Saturday 21st November
£165

Bring some special creativity into your Christmas festivities by designing your own beautiful porcelain lantern.

The Plot Thickens: Writing History and Mystery

SJ Parris and Abir Mukherjee

Sunday 22nd -
Friday 27th November
From £919

A rare in-person course with bestselling authors Abir Mukherjee and SJ Parris on writing crime, mystery and historical fiction.



SJ Parris



Abir Mukherjee

Winter Reading Retreat

Friday 27th November -
Sunday 29th November
From £310

Treat yourself to a peaceful weekend of fireside reading in our Library, with good company and nourishing seasonal food.

Frantic Assembly: 3-Day Training Course

Frantic Assembly

Friday 27th November -
Sunday 29th November
From £360

Train with Frantic Assembly, one of the UK's best-loved theatre companies, exploring physical theatre, devising and bold, collaborative movement.

Willow Christmas Decorations

Tess Wakeling

Saturday 28th November
£115

Spend a festive day making beautiful natural decorations to adorn your home including willow stars, hanging decorations and wreaths.

Winter Rest & Restore Day

Mel Skinner

Saturday 28th November
£110

Embrace the call to rest and replenish your energy, to tend to your inner life of sensation, thought and feeling, and take a pause from the treadmill of life.

Wreath Making

Ruth Gwynn and Shirley Jones

Sunday 29th November
£117

Create your own Christmas wreath, using natural, foraged greenery and simple, seasonal decorations.

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Monday 30th November -
Friday 4th December
From £607.50

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Merlin in the Tide of Time

Caitlín Matthews, John Matthews
and Ian Rees
Friday 4th - Sunday 6th December
From £345

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Explore the role of Merlin, cosmology and prophecy in the Celtic tradition and how we work with this in our times.

Clarinets and Flutes Masterclass

Atéa Quintet
Monday 7th -
Wednesday 9th December
From £345

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Develop your clarinet or flute skills with Atéa Quintet, exploring technique, repertoire and ensemble playing.

Oboes and Bassoons Masterclass

Atéa Quintet
Wednesday 9th -
Friday 11th December
From £345

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Advance your musicianship skills and repertoire of the oboe or bassoon while exploring a deeper understanding of ensemble and individual playing.

Wintering: Rest Retreat

Umã Dinsmore-Tuli
Friday 11th - Sunday 13th December
From £375

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Enjoy being truly nurtured and nourished, restore your rhythmic cycles of healthful wellbeing, and participate in collective restfulness through the multiple practices of yoga nidra.



Hawkwood Huddle

A monthly networking group held at Hawkwood. Connect, share ideas and develop business and community links. Sessions will be held every third Monday of the month.

Jo Weatherall & Hawkwood Team
10am – 11:30am £9 (includes refreshments)

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Monday 20th July
Monday 17th August
Monday 21st September
Monday 19th October
Monday 16th November
Monday 21st December

WILDWOOD!

A SUMMER CAMP FOR FAMILIES

A lively weekend of outdoor adventure, creativity and shared discovery. WILDWOOD! brings families together to play, explore and try something new – from hands-on skills to imaginative activities – across Hawkwood's 42-acres of gardens, farm and woodlands.



FRIDAY 21 – SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

Fire Lighting · Yoga · Cyanotype Printing
Storytelling · Nature-Friendly Gardening
Farm Tours · Wildlife Workshops · Circus Skills

Ages 5–12 · From £400
See website for full programme

WANDER

A Celebration of Walking

Wander explores walking in all its forms – its physical, social and environmental impact. Through talks, workshops and short guided walks, this two-day residential gathering brings together those who use walking in practice or daily life, supporting skills, community and a deeper understanding of this everyday act.



From
£180

3 – 4 NOVEMBER 2026

Forest Bathing · Natural Navigation
Walking and The Body
Walking as Resistance · Guided Walks
with Dee Aebischer, Tristan Gooley,
Ismail Kholwadia and more to be announced

B&B

Stay in our historic manor house and wake up to breathtaking views across the Stroud valleys.

Enjoy peaceful rooms, nourishing breakfasts and access to our 42-acre estate.

Perfect for short breaks, walking holidays or creative time away.

Book your stay on our website.



Venue Hire

Bring your group, team or retreat to Hawkwood's inspiring Cotswold setting.

Choose from light-filled meeting rooms, creative studios and peaceful outdoor spaces, with full catering and accommodation for up to 45 guests.

Perfect for residentials, away days, workshops and strategy sessions.

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How to Book

Explore our full programme and book your place via each course page on our website.



Scan the QR code to go directly to the Programme menu.

Don't forget our Early Bird prices - available on residential courses until two months before each course begins.



Early Bird Pricing

Book early and save!

All prices on residential courses are Early Bird rates, available until two months before each course (please see individual course pages for exceptions).

18 – 26 DISCOVER BURSARY

If you're aged 18–26, don't miss this!

Apply for a Discover Bursary and receive 50% off selected residential courses.



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