

# *The Wildman*



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### Corporate Events Pack

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Hello,

Thank you for your interest in The Wildman School of Bushcraft.

At Wildman Bushcraft we strive to deliver fact filled, fun and sustainable bushcraft and woodland living courses in a variety of formats to suit most groups. Whether this is in a half day event looking at a few activities or a one day format where you can choose from a list of activities to create the perfect programme or in repeat courses looking at one activity at a time spread over a specified time period.

Corporate events create a sense of unity and togetherness between team members, this helps them to understand each other's roles in the company and improves their working relationship. In addition, having relaxed conversations with your fellow work colleagues about things other than work related subjects will encourage a better working atmosphere and provide the motivation needed to produce successful results.

These events can involve interaction between all members of staff, including management. Staff are then able to identify with each other on a more personal level, as well as begin to better understand their role in the company and how they can then work with each other in a more productive manner.

As the working environment can be demanding, this can create tension in the office which may then lead to conflict, miscommunication and misunderstandings. This will directly affect the company and its integrity, causing staff performance to drop. Organising a corporate event will help relieve the tension, create a more relaxing environment to work in and enable people to enjoy each other's company. This also boosts their confidence in communicating with each other and further motivates them to perform well at work.

All courses are totally flexible in format and content, so as you arrive for your event you know you have the perfect programme waiting for you, designed to achieve the maximum value for your company and staff.

Included in this information pack are our profiles and mission statement these we hope will give you an insight into who we are and why we are so passionate about getting people back to nature and giving them some of the old skills that have kept mankind healthy, warm and fed for so long. We have also included our basic price list.

For more information please see the above website or email us on the above address. We are always more than happy to discuss with you any requirements or questions you may have.

Yours faithfully,

Tim Keenan

Simon Holland

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### Tim Keenan (The Wildman)

I have been learning bushcraft for many years, an interest that started while in The Scout Association as a youth. I have always been a fan of nature and photography and combining these is my ultimate passion. I have also been involved in youth work projects since I left college, teaching drama skills for various youth projects including a professional London theatre company, co-running a youth club in Romsey and on a project called Aikidrama, a project designed and run for the Family Learning Centre which focused on improving the relationships between parents and children.

As the Wildman School of Bushcraft, our challenge is to impart the skills that we have learnt to other people, who we believe will benefit greatly from these skills and will aid them in finding a new respect and reconnection with the places where they live and their communities. Families also benefit, since learning new skills together can be extremely effective in rebuilding and strengthening the bonds between parent and child. These skills teach us to not just survive in the wilds, but also to respect the planet that we live on and the animals and plants that provide and become our food and other essentials, ensuring that future generations can still enjoy the beauty that we have around us today.



### Simon Holland (Hedgehunter)

As a youth my interest in the wilds began in The Scout Association and was furthered by the experience I gained through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. These gave me the skills needed to pursue many activities, opening access to a wealth of experiences that has inspired me throughout my life. Using this experience and the skills gained from participating in local drama projects, I have been able to further the confidence and awareness of the people I have worked with in a number of ways. This has not only benefited my work with teaching bushcraft but also aided me in the co-running of a drama youth group, being heavily involved in the Aikidrama project and currently providing workshops and new opportunities for the youth of Fusion @ The Warehouse, a local youth group. The groups I attended as a youth instilled in me a sense of community which I am keen to pass on, encouraging people to participate in events that expand their own physical and mental boundaries. I believe adventures that challenge and test us enable us to develop skills that are useful in all walks of life.

The Wildman School of Bushcraft is an adventure and a challenge that I am pleased to meet with Tim, having worked with Tim on numerous projects, his ability to deal with situations whilst providing the right amount of humour is an anecdote that keeps being written. As a bushcraft and woodland living practitioner I am keen to find new ways of encouraging participants to be proud and responsible for their environments.

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### Our Aims:

To improve people's lives by helping to increase their core skills and knowledge.

To promote and re-establish the connection between communities and the land that we inhabit.

To raise awareness of sustainability, conservation and healthy living.

### Our Goals:

To provide a facility where people of all ages can learn about the land we live on, the animals that live around us and the knowledge and skills that enable us to live in balance with our surroundings.

To reduce the amount of litter pollution in our woodlands and countryside by re-establishing the respect for and sense of belonging to our wild and natural areas.

To promote a sense of adventure by encouraging people to explore their local countryside and to understand the laws and the ethos behind walking, foraging and camping.

### Our Mission Statement:

In the past the centre of all communities, whether with friends, family or work colleagues was the fireplace. In a tradition that goes back to the beginning of mankind's relationship with fire, it was a communal place to meet and chat, a place to gather for warmth and protection but mainly for the old to share their knowledge with the young. In today's society it seems that this community focus has been lost in favour of the media, wealth, status symbols and central heating.

Both of us were lucky, we still experienced with a feeling of safety that youthful abandon that took us through fields exploring, into wild areas to make bases & camps and into rivers, making boats from pieces of rubbish we found, (something a modern day parent might find hard to allow). Our parents gave us as much knowledge about our surroundings as they could and encouraged us to join groups like the Scouts, Cadets and the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and later gave us the curiosity to travel and live in other parts of the world, but in a society where both parents are having to work increasingly long hours, they just don't have the time to pass on the old knowledge that teaches us so many of the skills that help us in untold ways throughout our lives.

We wanted more!

So, we had to go out and discover more of these old skills for ourselves; we found people that still had this knowledge - friends, relatives, teachers and our friends' parents. We watched people on television like Les Hiddins (The Bushtucker Man), Ray Mears and Bear Grylls and we are still further increasing our knowledge from the internet and from new people we meet. We believe that these skills have enabled us to grow into better equipped adults; to have an understanding of nature and the world that we live in and to have confidence in who we are and where we come from.

Our culture has lead us away from countryside living to working in towns and cities and we need to learn to reconnect with our woodland heritage. Our forefathers knew the value of bushcraft skills, whether laying a fire in the hearth, building a shelter that can keep their families warm and dry, hunting and tracking or even making jams from hedgerow berries, unfortunately these skills may soon be lost through the generations. We want to offer a chance to re-forge and strengthen that chain of knowledge so that we can all equip ourselves and pass on these newfound skills to future generations. We believe that this will improve the connection to each other and to our surroundings and will benefit ourselves, our friends and our families.

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## *Scilly Walk May 2012*

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Below is some information about the charity walk that we have organised. We will be travelling from St. Agnes Island in The Scilly Isles to North Ronaldsay Island in The Orkney Isles. We will be leaving St. Agnes on the 5<sup>th</sup> May and leaving Lands End on the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Living on wild baked bread supplemented by foraged plants, mushrooms and the occasional unlucky animal, surviving in the wilds of Britain is going to test our physical and emotional endurance to the limit. We are going to be mainly walking, but also sailing, kayaking and horse riding over 1200 miles from one end of the country to the other. We'll be camping out each night using our bushcraft skills to set up camp, find food, water and make a fire. We are estimating that this will take us just under 5 months. We are doing this, not just for our own adventure, but also our charities Children in Need, Woodland Trust and The Wildman Youth Trust, a new charity which we are starting up to help underprivileged young people gain access to outdoor activity courses and to assist existing local youth groups in their outdoor programs. During the walk we will be running short courses for youth groups along the route as The Wildman School of Bushcraft talking about our bushcraft and woodland living skills. The Wildman School of bushcrafts aims are to help to improve young people's lives by increasing their core skills and knowledge, our group aims to promote and re-establish the connection between communities and the land that we inhabit as well as raise awareness of sustainability, conservation and healthy living. We are looking for companies and individuals who are willing to sponsor us, please contact us if you or someone you know will be able to donate.



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### Corporate" Fun Day" Events

Based on 10 – 15 participants

Event will have a minimum of two Wildman staff

Event activities are tailored to your group needs. Please contact us or see our website for more information.

### Event costs

Half day £55 per person

Full Day £95 per person

Longer events are available on request

10% Discount on additional bookings

### Additional Costs

These prices are based on your group providing a suitable venue - If you don't have access to a venue we can arrange one for you

Some activities may incur additional materials or equipment charges

Our travel is included for the local area @ a radius of 25 miles from Andover - Additional mileage is charged at 40p per mile

Catering is not included – A range of catering options are available please contact us for more information

Accommodation for overnight events is not included - Various accommodation options can also be added to your event

This price list is current as of April 2011

# The Scillywalk 2012



**WOODLAND  
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The Woodland Trust is a charity registered  
in England and Wales (No. 294344) and in  
Scotland (No. SC038885).



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**2 Men travelling  
1200 miles from  
The Scilly Isles to  
The Orkney Isles**

**With only their packs,  
bushcraft skills, a few  
staples and their  
determination to  
survive**

**Travelling by foot,  
sailing, horseback  
and kayaks**

**Rekindling  
the spirit of  
adventure and  
encouraging that  
spark in others**

**Adventure  
begins  
Spring 2012**

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