

Carpenters Fellowship Frame 2026

Course CF02 “Cruck framed shelter”

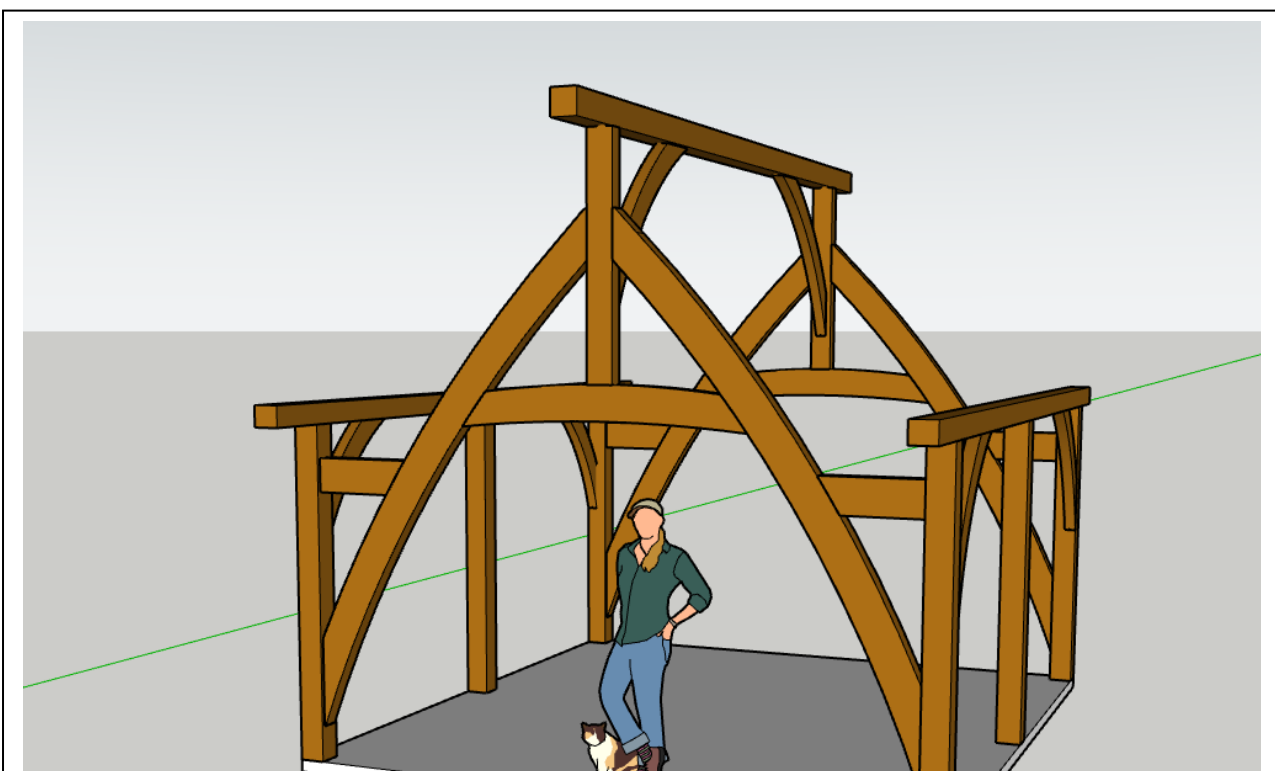
Who it's for? Complete beginners and experienced carpenters alike who are wanting to strengthen their fundamental carpentry skills in a supportive women-centred learning environment.

Join us for an inspiring summer week outdoors **learning the foundations of traditional structural timber framing** while helping to build a beautiful new shelter in the landscape at the Earth Trust in Oxfordshire. Discover the craft, skill and satisfaction of being part of a team building a beautiful structure in oak that will last a life time.

You'll be guided step by step through core skills including reading drawings, understanding timber layout, marking out joints, and cutting and finishing classic mortise-and-tenon connections. Along the way we'll share techniques for tool handling, sharpening, accuracy, and safe working practices. By the end of the course, you'll have contributed to a real building and gained the knowledge to begin tackling your own projects with confidence.

Expect physical, satisfying days, plenty of learning, and the shared achievement of seeing a frame come together.

Tools: All tools provided. Hand tools only but bring your own if you have them.



Tutors: **Barbara Czoch** has been members of the Carpenters Fellowship since its inception so now has a quarter a century of timber framing experience including in the USA and Europe. She is often seen as top dog on the pit saw and highly skilled in the use of a hewing axe. This picture is from the project at Buckler's Hard, New Forest where she was part of the team working with the local Museum on recreating some of the historic buildings. Her smile belies the fact she knows how to get the job done.

Barbara is a director at TouchWood South West



Astrid Arnold is Managing Director of TouchWood South West and Lead Carpenter on this course. She got into carpentry in 2000 and was an itinerant carpenter for a while and worked as a Traditional Timber Framer in the West Country, Wales and Spain.

One of her visions is to set up a Building College for Women and has been core in putting this course together and she has been proven right by the initial response to publicity about this course.

It's not a sales pitch to say this is a unique opportunity for aspiring women carpenters but once the course is full its full so get your deposits in.