



## Booking Form – Permaculture Design Course

Riverbank Cottage, Puddletown Road,  
Wareham, Dorset BH20 6AE  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023



Thank you for your enquiry about our Permaculture Design Course. Please complete this booking form as fully as possible. Further details such as directions, and what to bring, will be sent to you with confirmation of your booking.

### Introduction

This course is for anyone who believes that we need to find ways to care for ourselves, for each other and for the Earth. If you are looking to make a significant change in your life, then this will almost certainly help you. The design course provides you with a broad introduction to the applications of permaculture in a number of different situations.

Although permaculture is most commonly thought about in connection with gardening and farming, its principles, ethics and design methods can be adapted and used in each individual's own work, interests and home to bring about a more harmonious and sustainable lifestyle. Permaculture offers a perspective on all aspects of building a sustainable future. It encourages us to use our individual skills, knowledge and interests, whilst drawing on traditional wisdom, science and our innate ability to observe and learn from the world around us.

### What you will learn

- What permaculture is and why it is particularly relevant to us today.
- How we can make cities and the countryside healthier and more productive places to be.
- How working with nature can help us to meet many of our needs, including food, water, and shelter. Some specifics:
  - Some simple techniques for caring for soil, water and wildlife.
  - Techniques for building eco-friendly and low impact homes and how to design them into the landscape to minimise both pollution and unnecessary work.
  - What really constitutes 'appropriate' technology.
- The permaculture design process, that guides you in getting from where you are to where you want to be, including:
  - Some effective, low-tech surveying tools to analyse and map a site.
  - How to make best use of space and slope in land-based permaculture designs.
  - How to apply the design process to both land-based and non-land-based systems.
- How to create win-win situations rather than trade-offs.
- How to achieve bountiful yields with a minimum of effort.
- And much, much more!

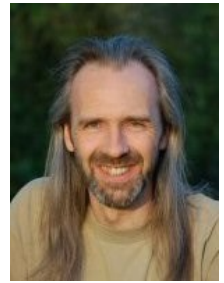
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During the second half of the course you will be guided in groups through the design process, applying what you have learned, to produce an original design on the site. You will be able to take this experience away and apply it in creating further designs for your own home or garden.

## The Teacher

**Aranya Dip.Perm.Des.** first came across permaculture back in the late 1980's, being fortunate enough to meet one of the first designers working in this country. He found the subject full of common sense ideas that immediately inspired him to apply the principles in his own life. During the 1990's he regularly lectured and debated on environmental issues in schools and colleges and in the media for a national campaigning group over a period of five years. He completed the 72 hour Design Course in 1996, and the [Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design](#) in 2003, after which he began to teach. This he discovered was something that made his heart sing, so he made it his main focus. Since 2004 he has taught over a hundred two-week design courses, something he has no intention of stopping, feeling it a privilege to have the opportunity to teach *"something that can make a real difference in all our lives"*.



Aranya has been involved with the [Permaculture Association](#) in a variety of ways since 2000. He is excited about new ways in which permaculture thinking can help us, developing new courses using its principles to help design, amongst other things, for optimising our health, and creating ethical livelihoods. His popular book [Permaculture Design: a step-by-step Guide](#) was published in Spring 2012 and has already been reprinted a number of times. He's currently involved in co-ordinating a number of other projects, including writing a second book, about a subject he's especially fascinated by the use of patterns in permaculture design'. Aranya's website: [www.learnpermaculture.com](http://www.learnpermaculture.com)

## The Venue

**Riverbank** is a beautiful, tranquil site with a water meadow, a river, some ancient woodland and a large garden. Currently a 'blank canvas', it's planned to include a forest garden, kitchen garden with annual and perennial vegetables growing in polycultures, and at least one pond/wetland where edible aquatic plants can be grown.



Our classroom will be a large stone barn. We'll have use of some of the facilities in the house including toilets and washing facilities. The default accommodation option, included in the course cost, is camping (bring your own tent to pitch on the meadow). Live-in vehicles can also be able to be parked on the meadow. There are three double bedrooms in the house available at extra cost for those who would like a bed. These will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis. £35 per night for a private room / £17.50 per night for a shared room. For more details about the **venue** or booking a bed in the house call Lucy on 07811 493293 or email [andrew@riverbank.org.uk](mailto:andrew@riverbank.org.uk).

## Attendance

We commit to delivering to you a diverse and comprehensive, positive educational experience. We ask you to commit to attend the whole course. We do however understand that exceptional circumstances may prevent this, in which case we ask that you notify us before the course starts of any time you anticipate being absent.

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## Course culture

We don't expect any previous knowledge and recognise that everyone has their own unique skills, knowledge and areas of interest to bring to the course. We use group work, discussions, videos, slide shows, observation, guided walks and practical activities as learning methods. We also visit projects where permaculture theory is being put into action.

Design courses are not just about imparting information, but also about showing you how to use it and feeling confident to do so. Empowerment is the essence of the course. We use practical and theoretical teaching methods to create a fun, lively and inclusive course. The course culminates in the main design activity that helps to consolidate all of the learning and shows you how to take permaculture back into your own home, life and community.

## Accreditation

Attendance of most sessions, plus participation in the design activity is necessary for accreditation. On successful completion of the course, you will be awarded the British Permaculture Association's internationally-recognised 'Certificate in Permaculture Design'.

## Dates and timings

The course will run from 5.00pm (please arrive by 4.30pm for a prompt start) on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July to 6.00pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. There will be a day off mid-course on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and a half day off each week, usually Tuesday afternoon in the first week and Wednesday morning in the second. Sessions start each day at 9.00am and continue on until the dinner around 6.30pm. We also have a light session many evenings, often a slideshow or video, to reinforce the day's learning. We have an hour and a quarter for both lunch and dinner, plus tea breaks each morning and afternoon.

## Cost

**The full fee for this 90-hour course is £855.** This fee includes tuition, site visits, handouts, digital resources, and Permaculture Association (Britain)'s certificate. **The concessionary rate is £625,** available to those on low incomes / means-tested benefits but **limited to just four places.** The fee includes camping (bring your own tent and bedding). A bed in the house is an additional cost. **Non-residential rates are: £695 full fee / £465 concessions** (inclusive of everything except accommodation and breakfast)

## Booking

To reserve your place, complete the attached booking form as fully as possible and send together with a **deposit of £125** to our address below. Any **remaining balance is to be paid by 1st July 2023.** Please make deposit cheques payable to 'Aranya Gardens' and send with the attached booking form to our address below. Keep this part of the form to refer back to later. Alternatively please email your booking form to [aranya@learnpermaculture.com](mailto:aranya@learnpermaculture.com) and I can email you details to make a bank transfer.

## Cancellation Policy

Your deposit of £125 is required to reserve your place, which we will hold for you until 3 weeks before the course start date, when any outstanding payment is due. This deposit is non-refundable unless it is necessary for us to cancel the course for any reason. Your place on the course is confirmed once full payment has been received. The training date selected is only transferable if at least 14 days' notice is given. Transfer fee is £25. Course must be taken within 12 months of the original booking

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and any difference in fees will need to be settled 3 weeks prior to the course start date. Payments are non-refundable for cancellations within the last 14 days, unless we're able to fill your place.

### Pre-course reading

We don't assume that you have done any previous reading before the beginning of the course. However, if you'd like to do some reading beforehand, in addition to [my own book](#), I really like Graham Bell's books; 'The Permaculture Way' and 'The Permaculture Garden'. There's enough in them to give you a good sense of what permaculture is about, but not too much to be daunting! You could ask your local library to get them in for you or buy them from the [Permaculture Market](#).

We look forward to meeting you on the course.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aranya" with a small infinity symbol (∞) above the 'a'.

To secure your place, print out the attached form and send along with your payment/deposit to:  
**Aranya, Learn Permaculture, South Trelowia Barn, Widegates, Looe, PL13 1QL, England**

For more information on booking or enquiries about the event's content or teaching:

Call Aranya on 01503 240946 or email [aranya@learnpermaculture.com](mailto:aranya@learnpermaculture.com)

For enquiries about the venue, catering or available accommodation:

Call Lucy on 07811 493293 or email [andrew@riverbank.org.uk](mailto:andrew@riverbank.org.uk).

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### 1) Your contact details and needs

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY OR TYPE INTO THE BOXES BELOW

Full Name:	
Name by which you would like to be known:	
Please delete as appropriate:	Male / Female
Address (including postcode):	
Telephone No:	
Mobile No:	
Email:	
Emergency contact details while you are on the course: (name and phone number)	
Do you have any specific dietary needs?	
Do you have any other needs? (e.g. mobility, learning difficulties)	

### 2) Your booking (please see cancellation policy above)

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Please fill in and tick as appropriate

- I am paying £\_\_\_\_\_ and have enclosed / am sending the full amount with my booking.
- I am paying £\_\_\_\_\_ and have enclosed a £125 deposit, paying the outstanding amount by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.
- I am applying for one of the concessionary places  
(please check there is still one available before sending us your form).

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**3) How did you hear about the course?** (Please state as precisely as possible so we can optimize publicity – if via the internet, please let us know the website if you can remember, thank you)

**4) Your permaculture background:**

Have you attended any other permaculture courses? Please state which one(s) and the tutor(s)

What other courses of a related nature have you attended and when (e.g. organic gardening, community building etc.)?

What other related knowledge/experience/skills do you have?

**5) Travel and Resources:**

How are you planning to travel to the course?

We will be connecting all participants via email several weeks before the course starts so that you can all contact each other and arrange lift share/requests/offers. Would you like to be included in this information?

Yes       No

What other resources/skills might you be able to offer the group? (e.g. first aid, games, etc.)

**6) Your expectations for the course**

What are your reasons for joining the course? What do you hope to get out of it?

Your signature:

Date:

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