

SAW: Request for Mentoring Scheme

Name:

Member No:

Map Area:

Contact Numbers:

E-Mail:

Address:

Are you an adult who would like a chaperone during mentoring?	YES	☐	
	NO	☐	
Are you under 18 if so, you should have a parent or legal guardian present with you at all times.	YES	☐	Signature of parent or legal guardian.
	NO	☐	

The student must inform the Mentor of any relevant health issues. Any information you give will not be recorded anywhere on our system. Just indicate using tick box if there is something you need to divulge to the mentor.	YES	☐
	NO	☐

Firstly, let me say thank you for asking about mentoring. SAW is providing this mentoring scheme to encourage members to get started safely and find out how to join in with club activities to get the most out of your membership.

It is **not** supposed to replace tuition from a professional turner and we recommend new members, with little or no experience of turning, seek professional help as well. As mentors we are sharing our own experience and encouraging you to develop your skills over time – we do not have teaching qualifications.

It is not the place of the mentor to tell you what you should or should not purchase, but to advise you on the pros and cons of particular tools and equipment within their own experience.

The mentor will check on the level of safety equipment owned by the mentee and advise on appropriate clothing, dust control and safety glasses as a minimum.

We will normally not start mentoring sessions until you have a lathe and some tools set up in a work area. If you have not got a lathe set up yet **we can still help**. If it's guidance you want, please contact me and I will link you with a member who can help.

Mentor sessions will cover the use of these six basic tools and how to keep them sharp.

Spindle roughing gouge - Parting tool - Skew chisel - Spindle gouge - Bowl gouge - Scraper

Once allocated, your mentor will contact you and arrange a suitable time for your first session. This session will either be in your workshop or in the mentor's workshop - whichever you agree. There are normally five half day sessions with at least 4 in your workshop. It will be up to you and your mentor to decide whether more sessions are required.

Once you have completed your mentoring sessions there are three "Workshop days" during the year to help you with any problems - be it on a technique, a specific tool etc.

To help us place you with the correct mentor for you, please state below what your objectives are from joining the mentoring scheme and what you are expecting to achieve from this scheme:

If for any reason you are unhappy with your chosen mentor please contact the coordinator, and he will do what he can to find someone else.

Please return this form to the mentoring program coordinator

Email: mentoring@sawoodturners.org