

Walking Stick Blanks

Most of my blanks were cut in Hales Wood National Nature Reserve, SSSI as part of a traditional coppice cycle, which has been managed this way for centuries. I select shanks/blanks that are generally quite straight to begin with and in the correct size range to cater for all needs. No doglegs, kinks or scarring unless I see an aesthetic advantage in it.

Cutting occurs in the dead of winter when the coppice is dormant and the wood contains the least moisture.

The green blanks are washed clean and sprayed with a diluted boron solution, which is safe for humans, to deter woodborers and mould; dense woods like blackthorn are waxed over at the ends to reduce splitting (this all melts away in the steaming process).

Seasoned for at least two years in an unheated Dutch barn, (blackthorn three to four), subjected to a steam bath for final straightening, which also highlights/destroys any woodworm, if present.

Varieties I stock in order of availability; hazel, birch, ash, blackthorn, hawthorn, dogwood, elm, holly, hornbeam etc

Prices – straight, seasoned shanks per length, only hazel, birch and ash, 10 % off for ten of one size, other species are dearer and blackthorn is double due to scarcity, long seasoning, difficulties in harvesting, the list goes on!

There is no minimum order value: however below £30 add £10.00 handling fee. Most parcels are sent with TNT 'Next day'. There is no length/height limit, e.g. ten shanks add £12.50, twenty £15.00.
[Overseas deliveries – with regret, not undertaken.]

Prices per blank

| Length | Price |
|--------|-------|
| 1.0m | £5.50 |
| 1.1m | £6.00 |
| 1.2 m | £6.50 |
| 1.3m | £7.00 |
| 1.4m | £7.50 |
| 1.5m | £8.00 |

Add £2 for a thumb stick top

Add £3 for a block/knob/root/cross handle

Straightening

I can straighten your seasoned sticks for you! I've straightened so many sticks now that It would be hard to explain to another just what to do, experience really counts here, after all I started out straightening as a cane furniture maker over 30 years ago, and have a carpenter's eye for trueness and balance, **from £3.00 per stick** at your risk (no charge for breakages).

Payment

Cheque/PO made payable to A. Basham or Paypal (add 4%) or email me for my bank details to make a transfer.

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