



Morvleydh

Sea Wolves

Early Medieval Re-enactment

Beginners Guide 2013-14

This guide has been put together by the members of Morvleydh to make you aware of what will be expected of you as a member of the group and also what you will need to get together to become a full member of Morvleydh and The Vikings re-enactment society.

Morvleydh

Morvleydh is a relatively young group, as it's only been running since 2011. But its members have been in the re-enactment scene for many years and have plenty of experience and knowledge to share.

The group's primary aim is to showcase life in the Viking Age, including combat, craft and life skills of the period. This may be at local schools or further afield at events held round the country, along with many other re-enactment groups.

The group is run in a way, where all full members have a say in what we do, what shows we attend and how our group funds are spent.

The Vikings

Morvleydh is an independent group that is a part of the organization; The Vikings. It is through this national organisation that we get to go to large

events. They supply full members PLI as part of your membership, and support groups to attend large events by paying for some travel expenses.

It's also through this organisation where you may find opportunities to appear as an extra in film and t.v.

Getting Started

Once you have decided that this all sounds great and are interested in becoming a member, what's next?

Trial Period

Before becoming a fully fledged member of Morvleydh, you will be put on a three month trial period.

During this time you be assessed on your enthusiasm in the hobby, but also how well you respond to the other members of the group.

You may be able to borrow certain items during this time to allow you to train and maybe attend some events, but after the three months you should have put together your own basic kit and you will no longer be able to borrow items.

At the end of the trial period, your name will be put forward to the members of the group and a

decision will be made to whether or not you can become a member of the group.

This may seem a bit harsh but it necessary for Morvleydh to quickly decide whether people are going to support the group in the future.

Membership

Membership for the year is £25. The Vikings receive £20 and £5 will go to group funds. This cost also includes you PLI at events and training. You will then receive your membership card on which will be printed your ranking within the society and the tests you have passed.

Basic Kit

During the trial period you should be putting together your basic kit, thinking about your character's background and heritage.

As a group we mainly portray Viking and Cornish characters each of which have their own distinctive look. Although historically clothing and styles would have blended amongst the different cultures, the society creates strong distinctions to allow the general public to easily clarify who's who.

To start with you should have 3 basic items:

- Long Linen Tunic with no trousers or a knee-length tunic with three quarter length trousers (for Cornish) / full length trousers (for Viking). See Kit Guide for more details.
- Wooden bowl
- Wooden Spoon

For those that want to take part in combat you will also require:

- Helmet
- Combat Gloves
- Spear
- Plain White Shield

Basic Tests

Within The Vikings you will be expected to pass tests to be allowed to do certain things with the living history environment.

All members will need to complete the Basic Villagers Test. This test is just to make sure you have some basic Health and Safety sense around the living history camps. (Losing fingers to axes and setting yourself on fire is somewhat frowned upon.)

Also for those who wish to fight on the field, they also need to pass a Basic Spear test (which will also include Basic Formation and Basic Display). Again, this test is in place to make sure everyone is fighting with safety in mind.

Training

Our training is an important aspect of the hobby. If you want to be an active combatant you are required to train. Those that fail to turn up for more than three months will be expected to retake their combat tests.

There will be on average three training opportunities a month.

In Trethurgy Village hall (Nr St Austell) the group meets to train from 8-00pm - 10.00pm, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Also once a month there will be training at Stratton Community Hall (Nr Bude) on a Sunday, from 1pm - 5pm.

To find out about exact dates contact our Event's Organiser or check out our calendar on Facebook.

Group Meetings

Also throughout the year we have group meetings, some of which will be over an entire weekend.

During these meetings there will be training but also a chance to make clothes, shields and chat to the various group officers.

Occasionally there may be a chance to test, if we get visits from a Recognised Training Thane (RTT). These will be the only chances to test locally, as normally testing will be done at major shows.

To find out about exact dates contact our Event's Organiser or check out our calendar on facebook.

Further Testing

Once you have passed those two tests there is no pressure to take any more tests. But if wish to progress within the society other tests may be required.

For combatants there are many tests you can take to advance your combat experience, allowing

you to wield weapons like the Dane Axe or Javelins. To find out more have a chat with the Training Officer.

For those of you wishing to do more living history and crafts, there are tests to advance you along this route. Chat to our Living History Coordinator.

Further Kit

Once you have your basic kit, you will want to expand on your kit. To find out more on the kits we have, materials we use and colours we're allowed talk to our Authenticity Officer or check out our Kit Guide.

Group Officers

Below you can find the names of our group officers, so hopefully you can find us at a group meeting.

Group Leader - Simon Dungey
Group Secretary - Hannah Chapman
Group Treasurer - David Trowt

Training Officer - Stephen Chapman
Living History Coordinator - Lisa Dungey
Authenticity Officer - Kurt Baker
Event's Organiser - Lew Hand
Safety Officer - Paul Luke
Acting Officer - Chris Saunders

Just remember this is a hobby; above all else enjoy the experience, it's supposed to be fun. That's why we do it.....