



### **North East England February IT Session**

We would like to invite you to the February 2026 Intensive Training Session for the North East of England region. This event will be held at:

Harton Academy  
Lisle Road  
South Shields  
Tyne & Wear  
NE34 6DL

on Sunday 22nd February 2026.  
Andy Watson, Iaido Bucho.

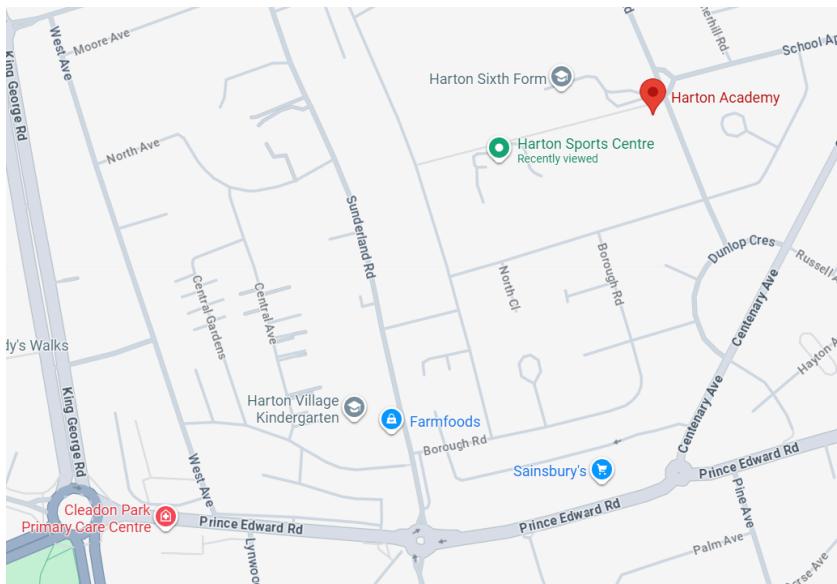
**The IT Session will be led by the  
following Regional Squad Trainers**

Robert Townson, 6th Dan Renshi  
Kevin McNeill, 5th Dan



## Venue

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## Information

**By Car:** Heading either North or South on the A19, take the South Shields exit (A194), on at the roundabout take the exit for South Shields, Follow John Reid Road to Harton.

**Parking:** Parking at the venue is free

**Public Transport:** While there are public transport links, these are not ideal on Sunday mornings. There is a Metro that runs to Chichester metro station from around the north east, so lifts can be arranged at this point, as it is a short drive from the metro station to the venue.

**Rail Information:** Can be obtained from the following website - [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## Schedule

**Please note, training will start promptly at 09:30. Please arrive in ample time so that you are ready to start training at that time.**

**09:15** - Registration

**09:30** - Session start

**13:30** - Lunch

**14:00** - Session resumes

**16:30** - Event closes

## Price

The event has a fixed price of £20 for all members.

## Accommodation

There is a Premier Inn about 2.5 miles from the venue

[www.premierinn.com](http://www.premierinn.com)

## Lunches

**\*\*important\*\***: There will not be time for participants to leave the venue to find food during the session, or the associated lunch break (Lunch is strictly limited to 30 minutes) It is therefore VITAL that you bring a packed lunch and any drinks that you require.

## Booking

### BKA Members

**The seminar will be capped at 60 places due to hall size limitations.**

**Please book onto this event through the online booking system by going through your [Account](#)**

**Please make sure that you have booked:**

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**If you have any problems with the online booking system, please contact the Events Officer.**

**If you have a credit from a previous event do not book online. Instead email the Iaido Events Officer  
who will manually add your name to the list**

## Cancellation and refund

**If the event is cancelled for reasons beyond our control, all booking fees will be refunded or transferred to another event.**

**Cancellations for personal reasons must be received in writing (email) by 21st of February for a full refund.**

**If you do not cancel, no refund will be made.**

## Under 18

**Any juniors wishing to attend this seminar should contact the Events Officer before registering (email addresses below).**

**Juniors who are not with their guardians are assumed to be under the care of their Dojo Leader or**

**Appropriate Adult. Please inform the relevant Bucho by email the name of the responsible person.**

## Notes on this event

### Videoed embu

**Towards the end of the training session, participants will be asked to make a demonstration of 5 kata and reiho. Our plan is to record these embu in order to use them for player selection in the National Squad.**

**Should you not wish to participate in this, please inform the Squad Trainers present at the event during the lunch break.**

### Senior grade participation

**Senior grades (i.e. 6th and 7th dan) are welcome to come and participate in these IT sessions.**

**It should be emphasised though that the leading, teaching and coaching at these events will be delivered solely by the named Regional Squad Trainers.**

## Contacts

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