



Northern September IT Session

We would like to invite you to the September 2026 Intensive Training Session in the North East.

This event will be held at

Boldon School
New Road
Boldon Colliery
NE35 9DZ

on **Sunday 6th September 2026.**

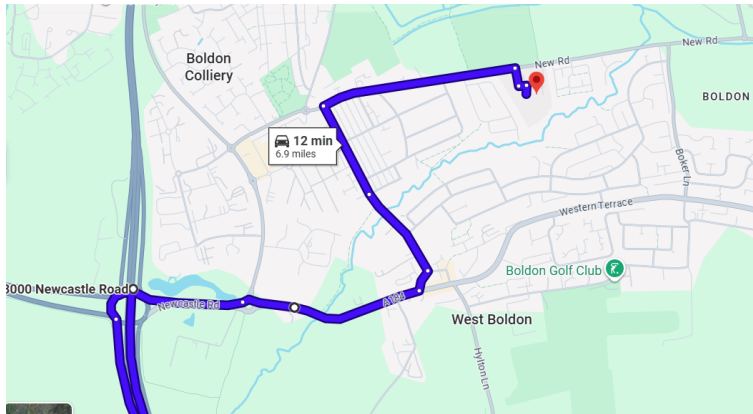
Andy Watson, Iaido Bucho.

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

Hugh Darby Renshi 6th Dan
Robert Townson Renshi 6th Dan
Kev McNeill 5th Dan



Venue



Information

By Car: Heading either North or South on the A19, take the Junction for BOLDON (A184) follow the A184 to North Road then drive North to the Junction with New Road.

Parking: Parking at the venue is free

Google Maps Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SYAEW5p3LWMhuiL5A>

Public Transport:

Various public transport options are available, please see Google maps for more information.

Rail Information: Can be obtained from the following website - 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 Holiday Inn, around 30 minutes walk from the venue:

[Holiday Inn](#)

There are other hotels a short drive from the venue. Please see Google for the options available

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:

laido Intensive Training session (East)

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 laido 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.

Cancellations for personal reasons must be received in writing (email) by 5th September 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, and any one participating in the event who is not a member of the Squad management team will be required to pay for the event.

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