The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are currently reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeper training courses. The directory shows colleges offering courses to craft, supervisory and management levels, but it must be stated that until the GTC review is completed only the green coded colleges are approved to train greenkeepers beyond craft level.

The introduction of vocational qualifications into industries, has caused the colleges to re-think their training policies and the GTC will be issuing guidelines for the golf greenkeeping industry as to which colleges employers and their staff should be supporting.

Until the report is complete, anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeepers Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Aire, York Y06 2NF, telephone 0347 838646.

The Greenkeepers Training Committee

THE COLLEGES AND THEIR COURSES

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ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Askham Bryan, York Y02 3PR. Contact Nick Bisset. Tel: 0904 702121.

Full time courses: BTEC Higher National Diploma in Golf Management.

Part time courses: NVQ Level II, City & Guilds Phase 3 and 4.

HOUGHAL COLLEGE Durham College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Houghall, Durham DH1 3SG. Contact Tony Milin. Tel: 091 386 1351.

Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsman - 1 Year; National Diploma in Turf Care - 2 Years; Part time courses: Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management Level II - Day Release; C&G Phase III Enterprise Management, Autumn Evening. Short course: Health & Safety Legislation; Turfcare; Machinery and Mechanisation. All courses contribute towards NVQ Levels I & II.

KIRKLEY HALL COLLEGE Ponteland, Northumberland NE20 0AQ. Contact Dr Ron McFarlan. Tel: 0661 860888.

NVQ Level II with Greenkeeping option. Day release or block release – one to two years.

MYERSCROFT COLLEGE Myerscough Hall, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY. Contact Martyn Jones. Tel: 0995 40611. Fax: 0995 40612.

National Certificate in Turf Psychology and Turf Management - 1 Year; National Diploma in Turf Science and Sportsground Management - 3 Years; BTEC Higher National Diploma in Turf Science and Technology - 3 Years (Both these courses include one year’s paid industrial experience). Part time courses: NVQ Level I Greenkeeping; Phase II Supervisory Management, Phase IV Business Management; Certificate and Diploma in Turf Irrigation (in conjunction with RTUA).

REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF. Tel: 0270 625131. Full time course: BTEC First Diploma in Horticulture (with Sports Turf Option) - 1 Year, BTEC Higher National Diploma in Turf Science and Management - 2 Years (subject to approval); BTEC Higher National Diploma in Golf Course Management - 3 Years. Part time courses: NVQ Level I Greenkeeping - Day Release; NVQ Level II Greenkeeping - evening, Day or Block Release; C&G Phase III Greenkeeping - Block Release; C&G Phase IV Greenkeeping - Block Release; IOG National Intermediate Diploma in Turf Culture - Day Release; C&G Phase II Greenkeeping Machinery Maintenance - Block Release. Short courses: IPM Chemical Safety, Safe Lifting and Manual Handling, Chippings, Off Road, Wildlife Rescue. For full details contact the College.

SOUTH MANCHESTER COLLEGE Wythenshawe Park Centre, Moor Road, Manchester M23 9BQ. Tel: 061 957 1526. Day Release and Full time courses leading to NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture with the Greenkeeping option.

BRACKENHURST COLLEGE Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0QF. Contact Brian Osbourne. Tel: 0636 812252. Full time course: National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsman Management - 1 Year. Day Release over 2 Years; NVQ Level I Amenity Horticulture; NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture with Options; Options include Greenkeeping, Turf husbandry, security control, sports turf and athletics, tennis court maintenance. All courses contribute towards the Greenkeeping Industry. For full details contact the College.

BROOMFIELD COLLEGE Morley, Ilkerton, Derbyshire DE7 6DN. Tel: 0332 831345. Fax: 0332 830298.

Level I and II Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping) Block Release Course. Two years duration presented in 12 one-week blocks starting 13th September 1993.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COLLEGE Milton, Landbeach Road, Milton, Cambridgeshire CB4 0DB. Contact David Haigh. Tel: 0223 860701.

Part time – Day Release over two years leading to NVQ Level II including the GTC Training Manual requirements.

Lincolnshire term commences October 1993.


MOULTON COLLEGE Moulton, Northampton NN3 1RR. Contact Stuart Phillips. Tel: 0604 491131. Full time course: BTEC National Diploma in Horticulture with Turf Care Option. Part time courses: NVQ Level I Amenity Horticulture - Day Release; NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture with Turf Care Option - Day Release; C&G Phase III - NVQ Level II.

STAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5HG. Contact Nigel Fookett. Tel: 0785 712201. Courses offered Craft Level/NVQ I and II. Day Release. Duration: Over two years, each of 30 weeks duration (September - June).

Registration Date: Please contact the College.

WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9QL. Contact PJ Smith. Tel: 0926 651367. Greenkeeping courses: NVQ Level I and II – Block Release; C&G Phase III.

BRINSBURY COLLEGE North Heath, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DL. Contact Keith Harrison. Tel: 0798 8733532. Full time course: New Forest in Greenkeeping Course - 30 weeks. NVQ II Greenkeeping option plus one year. Approximately 30% of the course is delivered on college and local golf courses. Part time: Day Release to NVQ Level II. Both full and part time courses will work both into the NVQ II block book and the Greenkeeper manual. An evening course will continue for the IOG National Technical Certificate. NVQ Level II may be delivered as an evening course. At present Phase II is offered in Greenkeeping Supervision and Enterprise Management. All courses contribute towards NVQ II and NV III will be offered.

HADLOW COLLEGE Hadlow College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. Contact Keith Backhouse. Tel: 0732 850551. NVQ Level II Part time Course over two years with three periods of block Release.

MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU5 3PF. Contact the Academic Registrar. Tel: 0483 232424. NVQ Levels I and II in Amenity Horticulture, Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Specialism. Part time... one day per week for 30 weeks from September 1993 onward.

NORTH EAST SURREY COLLEGE North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact Dr S Shaw. Tel: 081 394 3093/3111. NVQ Levels I and II in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options) Training and assessment for the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Part time, Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II.
Courses:

City & Guilds Golf Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management:
Two year part time, one day per week. Level II Year One leading to NVQ Level II. Level II Year Two leading to City & Guilds 202-4. Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management or NVQ Level II 022-4. Amenity Horticulture and Greenkeeping Business Management. Part time, one day per week. National Certificates in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. One year – full time. All courses commence September 1993.

WRITTLE COLLEGE
Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3RR. Contact Dai Edwards. Tel: 0245 420705. City & Guilds Golf Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management (Day Release); NVQ Level II Greenkeeping, Sports Turf, Sports Ground Maintenance (Day Release); A Golf Course Management option is also included in full time three year HND landscape and Amenity Management Course. Courses for next academic year commence 4 October '93.

CANNINGTON COLLEGE
Cannington Bridgewater, Somerset TA2 2LS. Contact Nick Biggen. Tel: 0278 652226. BTEC National Diploma in Greenkeeping with European Studies – split sandwich period including three months working in Europe. Golf Greenkeeping NVQ Level I and II (craft level).

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE

Cardiff Institute of Higher Education, Llandaff Centre, Western Avenue, Cardiff, Wales CF5 2YB. Contact David Thornton. Tel: 0222 551111. City & Guilds Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship. Two year course – part time. NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship. Two year course – part time. Enrolment September for all courses.

Pencoed College
Pencoed, Mid Glamorgan CF35 5LG. Contact Peter Gillard. Tel: 0656 860202/860635. Courses offered on Day Release from September: Greenkeeping & Sports Turf: Year I, Introductory, NVQ Level I; Year II and III. Technician Level, NVQ Level I and II; Year IV, Supervisory Studies. Phase II Craft; City & Guilds; Year V, Management; Phase IV City & Guilds BTEC 1st Diploma – Greenkeeping & Sports turf. Part time or full time.

Welsh College of Horticulture, Northrop, Mold, Clwyd CH7 6AA. Contact GM Wright. Tel: 0352 86 8611 Fax: 0352 86 731. Full time courses: ND – Golf Course Construction Option; equivalent to NVQ Level II; BTEC – equivalent to NVQ Level III. BTEC BTEC First in Lawlands Golf Greenkeeping NVQ Level I 2 Year course; Phase I Greenkeeping Management – equivalent to NVQ Level III. NVQ Level IV Autumn 1993 (if available). NVQ Level I and II Greenkeeping. Short courses: Pestcide PA1, PA2, PA6, 1-3 day courses (training and testing); COSHH Assessment; Safe Lifting and Carrying: FC607 courses.

Dundee College

Elmwood College

Kyle and Carrick District Council
Burns House, Burns Statue Square, Ayr KA7 1UT. Contact D J Dudgeon. Tel: 0292 281511. SCOTVEC National Certificate in Greenkeeping – Day Release up to three years. Students can enrol at any time.

Langside College

Teagasc College
Teagasc College of amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Contact Pat Sutcliffe. Tel: 0103531 371 636. Phase II Greenkeeping – Block Release two weeks, three times per year. Phase III Greenkeeping – Block Release, one week, three times per year.