The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved 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.

Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeepers Training Committee at Aldwick Manor, Aldwick, Ash, York Y06 2NF, telephone 01347 838640.

**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE**

Asham Bryan, York Y02 3PR. Contact Registration: Tel: 01904 772211.


**CITY COLLEGE MANCHESTER**

Wythenshawe Park Centre, Moor Road, Manchester M23 9BQ. Contact Peter Riley/Martina Webb. Tel: 0161 957 1526. Day Release and Full Time courses leading to NVQ Level II Amenity Horticulture with the Greenkeeping option.

**HOUGHAL COLLEGE**

Durham College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Houghall, Durham DH1 3SG. Contact Tony Milam. Tel: 0191 386 1351.

*Full time courses:* National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsman – 1 year; National Diploma in Horticulture Turf Option – 2–3 years. *Part time courses:* Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management – 2–3 years; City & Guilds Phase IV Greenkeeping.

**MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE**

Myerscough Hall, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY. Contact Academic Registry. Tel: 01995 640611. *Full time courses:* Horticulture; National Diploma in Turf Science and Golf Course Management – 1 year; NVQ Level 2 and 3 Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management (plus Fast Track option); Higher National Diploma in Turf Science and Golf Course Management; Certificate in Turf Irrigation; FEPA Spraying and Chainsaw courses.

**RODBASTON COLLEGE**

Rodbaston, Penkrkde, Stafford ST19 5HG. Contact Nigel Foskett. Tel: 01785 712209. Courses offered: Craft Level NVQ Level I and III; NVQ Level II. Day Release to NVQ Level II Greenkeeping plus Core. Day Release to NVQ Level II plus Block Release.

**WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE**

Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BL. Contact Graham Martin. Tel: 01926 651367. Greenkeeping courses – day release – NVQ Level I; NVQ Level II; NVQ Level III; block courses (evening class). National Intermediate Diploma in Turfsculture; Full time two year BTFC National Diploma in Horticulture (with option in Turfsculture); Professional upskilling courses include: Greenkeeping, Machinery Maintenance and Repair, Managing Conservation Areas, Plan Identification, Hedgelaying, First Aid, FEPA Spraying and Chainsaw courses.

**BRINSBURY COLLEGE**

North Heath, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DL. Contact Keith Harrison. Tel: 01798 873832. Full time course: BTFC Intermediate Diploma in Turfsculture and Greenkeeping option. Part time: NVQ II Greenkeeping plus Core. Day Release to NVQ Level II. Both full time and part time students with least time in the NVQ II with block and the Greenkeeper manual. NVQ Level II (National Technical Certificate) with least of Greenkeeping manual may be delivered as an evening course.

**HADLOW COLLEGE**

Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. Contact Keith Backhouse. Tel: 01732 850551. NVQ Level II and Level III Part-time Day Release with two periods of Block Release or evenings. Level II in Groundsman evening classes. NVQ Level III Golf Greenkeeping: Centres at Hadlow, Crowborough, Nottingah and Maidstone.

**NESCOT**

North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact Dr S Shaw. Tel: 0181 394 3200/3049. NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options) Training and assessment for the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Part time, Day Release. Duration: Up to two years Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses.

**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**

Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0AJ. Contact Ian Merrick. Tel: 01727 850651. Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management, Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, Modern Apprenticeships. Evening courses: leading to NVQ Levels 3 and 4. Short courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw, Greenkeeper Mechanics.

**PLUMPTON COLLEGE**  Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3JE. Contact: Tel: 01273 890454, Full time courses: National Diploma in Horticulture, BTEC Higher National Certificate in Horticulture.

**WRITTLING COLLEGE**  Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3RJ. Contact: Tel: 01245 420705. Full time courses: BTEC Higher National Diploma in Horticulture.

**MERRITT WOOD COLLEGE**  Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE. Contact: Tel: 01483 232424. Full time courses: National Diploma in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management, BTEC First Diploma in Landbase Golf Greenkeeping.

**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE**  Hall Place, Burchett's Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 6QR. Contact: Tel: 01628 824444. Full time courses: BTEC Higher National Diploma in Horticulture.

**CANNINGTON COLLEGE**  Cannington Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2LS. Contact: Tel: 01278 655083. Full time courses: National Diploma in Horticulture.

**HARTPURY COLLEGE**  Hartpury, Gloucester GL19 3BE. Contact: Tel: 01452 700283. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture, NVQ Level II Greenkeeping Practice.

**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE**  Sparsholt College Hampshire, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hants SO21 2NF. Contact: Tel: 01962 776441. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture, NVQ Level II Greenkeeping Practice.

**ELMWOOD COLLEGE**  Cupar, Fife KY15 4JR. Contact: Tel: 01334 685910. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture.

**LANGSIDE COLLEGE GLASGOW**  Langside College of Horticulture School of Agriculture, Woodburn Farm, Rutherglen G73 3PF. Contact Tel: 0141 664 6300. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture.

**OATRIDGE COLLEGE**  Ecclesmachan, Broxburn, West Lothian EH52 6HN. Contact: Tel: 01506 854387. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture.

**GOSTA TRAINING LTD**  Unit 2B, Claydeyere Centre, 45 Fintinnes Street, Glasgow G3 8JU. Contact: Tel: 0141 248 2772.


**WELSH COLLEGE**  Welsh College of Horticulture, Northop, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6AA. Contact: Tel: 01352 840681. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture.


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