The introduction of vocational qualifications into industries, such as craft, supervisory, and management levels, 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 Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Ainsty, York Y061 1UR. Tel: 01347 838940 or visit their website at http://www.btc.co.uk.


REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF. Tel: 01270 625013/625026. E-mail: info@reaseheath.ac.uk. Website: www.reaseheath.ac.uk. Full-time First Diploma: Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 1 year. BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management - 3 years. Part-time: HNC Golf Course Management - Distance Learning. NVQ Levels 1-4 Greenkeeping - Day Release. IOSH Intermediate Diploma in Turf Culture - Day Release. IOSH National Diploma - Day Release. Short Courses: FEPA Chemical Safety, Safe Lifting, Chainsaws - Off-road Vehicle Drifting; First Aid. NVQ2: Fencing and NMC scoring available.


CITY COLLEGE MANCHESTER, Moor Road, Baguley, Manchester M23 9QD. Contact: Martin Webb. Tel: 0161 957 1257. College offers part-time courses leading to NVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Sports turf Maintenance and Decorative Horticulture. Also RHS General and Diplomas, Cert. Arboriculture and FEPA Spraying courses.

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 6RY. Tel: 01995 642211/642222 Fax: 01995 642333. E-mail: mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk. Website: www.myerscough.ac.uk. Full-time courses BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science; HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management; ND Turf Science & Sportsground Management; NG Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping. Part-time courses NVQ Level 2 and 3 Greenkeeping and Sports turf Maintenance (day/block release or fast track work based training qualification) HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management. Certificate and Diploma in Turf Irrigation. Short Courses: Faculty of Horticulture. Myersons Turf Club holds an Annual Conference and Register Education Seminars.

RODBASTON COLLEGE Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH. Contact Nigel Fiskett. Tel: 01785 712056. Courses offered: NVQ Level 1, 2 and 3 in Sports Turf Maintenance and Decorative Horticulture. Also RHS General and Diplomas, Cert. Arboriculture and FEPA Spraying courses.

BROOMFIELD COLLEGE Morley, Boston, Derby DE7 6DN. Contact Admissions Officer. Tel: 01332 836600. NVQ Level 1 and Level 2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping) Block Release course. Ten years duration presented in 12 one-week blocks following guidelines of GTC Training Manual. NVQ Level 3 gained by 3 x 3 day blocks or day release or APL service. Also available TDLB, Pesticides, Chainsaw and First Aid Training.


DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, Catthorpe Court, Catthorpe, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 9JP Contact Student Services. Tel: 01452 827533. Fax: 01452 547481. NVQ2 and 3 in Sports Turf Management; National Certificate in Sports Turf Management; National Diploma in Greenkeeping and Sports turf Management. GNVQ Advanced Leisure & Tourism (Golf); Higher National Diploma in Golf and Leisure Management. BSc (Hons) Outdoor Recreation Management (Golf Option). FEPA short courses. Full residential facilities available.

The College of West Anglia offers a range of programmes for greenkeepers including NVQ Levels I, II and III. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Milton Campus on 01953 761144 Ext 271 Student Support at King's Lynn on 01553 761144 Ext 271.

BRINSBURY COLLEGE Brinsbury College, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DL. Tel: 01798 877400, Fax: 01798 875222. Email: student.services@brinsbury.ac.uk. Full-time courses: BTEC Diploma in Horticulture (Greenkeeping option), BTEC First Diploma New Entrant Horticulture (Greenkeeping or Landscaping options), City & Guilds National Certificate Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sportsground Management). Part-time courses: NVQ Level 3 Sports turf Maintenance (day or block release), NVQ Level 2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping and Sports turf Maintenance option). Institute of Groundsmanship Intermediate Diploma, plus various short courses, including Chainsaw, Brushcutter/Trimmer, PA1, PA2, PA3A/PA4A, PA5, etc.

PLUMPTON COLLEGE, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE. Contact: David Blackmore. Tel: 01273 890454. Fax: 01273 890457. Full-time courses: National Diploma in Horticulture, National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Greenkeeping, National Diploma in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. GNVQ Advanced Leisure & Tourism (Golf); Higher National Diploma in Golf and Leisure Management. BSc (Hons) Outdoor Recreation Management (Golf Option). FEPA short courses. Full residential facilities available.

OTLEY COLLEGE Otley College, Otley, West Yorkshire, Suffolk IP6 9EY. Contact: Course Enquiries. Tel: 01423 705543. ESF Bursaries may be available for full-time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture, options in Landscaping and Sports turf, National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture. Part-time courses: NVQ Level 1, Level 2 Amenity Horticulture in Decorative, Nursery, Hard Landscape and Sports turf. Level 3 Amenity in Decorative and Sports turf. Level 4 Amenity. Also available are RHS General and Diploma and IOG National Technical and National Diploma (Int). Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw courses.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0UA. Contact Ian Merrick. Tel: 01727 737700 Fax: 01727 737752. 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: Horticulture, Chainsaw, Greenkeeping/Mechanize.

BERKSHIRE COLLEGE Half Plate, Burchett's Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 6QR. Tel: 01628 824444 Fax: 01628 824656 e-mail: enquiries@berks-college.ac.uk. Website: www.berks-college.ac.uk. Full-time courses: BTEC First & National Diplomas, Part-time courses: GTC Manual - NVQ2 and 3 Amenity, Sports turf Day & Block release; Short courses: FEPA Horticultural Machinery, Chainsaw, Greenkeeping for Golfers. "Regional Centre for Leisure and Land based Industries & Professions" We also offer a range of short courses for the Industry including Health & Safety, pesticide training and chainsaw operations. For more information contact either Alan Brown or John Revis on Tel: 01628 835194 Fax: No. 01628 389231.

WARREN FARM CENTRE is the base for West Oxfordshire College to offer education and training in Green keeping, Sports turf, Amenity Horticulture and allied land based courses for the whole of Oxfordshire. Courses include- NVQ Levels 2 & 3 in Sports turf, Decorative Horticulture and Hunt Landscape. We also offer a range of short courses for the Industry including Health & Safety, pesticide training and chainsaw operation. For more information contact either Alan Brown or John Revis on Tel: no 01628 835194 Fax: No. 01628 389231.
A GUIDE TO THE COLLEGES AND COURSES AVAILABLE

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MERRISTWOOD COLLEGE, Woburn Sands, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE. Contact D J Rhodes Tel: 01483 894003. Fax: 01483 864001. E-mail: info@merrist-wood.ac.uk. Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management. Part time courses: NVQ: Amenity Horticulture Level 2 and 3 in the workplace - you can join us. Institute of Groundsman's NO night class. NVQ Amenity Horticulture Sports Turf Management Level 3 (October/evening released). Various short courses throughout the year. Please contact us for up to date listings and information. 'We keep on growing!' Email: hornet@can.

HADLOW COLLEGE Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 6AL. Contact Tony Lasch Tel: 01732 859551. NVQ Level 2 and Level 3 Part Time Day Release with two periods of Block Release or evenings. NVQ Level 2 in Groundskeeping evenings. NVQ Level 3 Golf Greenkeeping. BTEC First Diploma Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Horticulture (Sports Turf option). Centres at Hadlow, Canterbury, Maidstone and Nottingham.

WRITING TO: CHELTENHAM, CHELSEA, CAMBRIDGE. Tel: 01245 420705; Fax: 01245 420704. SPORTS TURF PROGRAMMES (Contact - Stewart Brown) NVQ Level 2 - Sportsturf, NVQ Level 3 - Sportsturf, NVQ in Greenkeeping. HNC - Sportsturf Science, HND - Sportsturf and Golf Course Management. Other courses: First Diploma, National Certificates. National Diplomas (with Sportsturf Option), BSc (Hons) Horticulture, BSc (Hons) Landscape and Amenity Management. MSc Landscape and Amenity Management. NVQ 2 and 3 Service Engineering, FEPA. Chainsaw. Tractor Driving.


EASTON COLLEGE Norfork's College of the Countryside. Sportsturf qualifications, Amenity Horticulture and Rural Resource Management. For details contact the registry on 01663 731200. Easton College, Easton, Norwich, Norfolk NR5 2DX. Tel: 01663 713200. Fax: 01663 741439.

