BIGGA is actively involved in raising the Standard of Greenkeeper Training. The Association is a member of the Greenkeepers’ Training Committee and strives to enhance the level of education through various means, including Section, Regional and National workshops, seminars and conferences.

The range and quality of training now available throughout the UK means that there is a training course for every greenkeeper. This should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce better quality golf courses to the benefit of all within the industry.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards. This begins by selecting a training provider that meets the criteria laid down by the GTC. There is a clear link between education, training and economic success and all clubs should invest in the education of their staff.

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Information: Full time National Certificate Greenkeeping, Block Release SVQ Level II, SVQ Level III Sportsturf block release and Outreach available, and SVQ Level IV, HNC/Golf Course Management available as full-time and distance learning. HNC Golf Facility Management, HND Golf Facility Management, PDA for football and cricket available Outreach, FEMA and COSHH, chainsaws, tree climbing and rescue techniques and Health and Safety short courses also available.

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**Available courses guide**

**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE**

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**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

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**Information:** Located in the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six hole golf training facility owned by HRH The Duke of York. Programmes include the first diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, with Landscape Design and Greenkeeping options plus Apprenticeships. Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. Residential accommodation is available and free parking on site.

**BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE**

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**Bridgewater College**

- **Contact:** David Blackmur
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**Email:** info@bridgebuck.ac.uk Web: www.bridgebuck.ac.uk

**Information:** Full time courses: NPTC Level 2 Sports Turf course day release and work place visits/assessments at Merriott Wood, Cravwyn and the London Golf Club in Kent. Level 2 First Diploma college day release for those without qualified workplace assessment. NCVQ Level 3 Sports Turf on-line, Link to NCVQ Level 2 Sports Turf and NCVQ Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Golf Course Management day release over 2 years, NQD day release 1 extra year plus a Top-up BSc Degree for NQD graduates part-time over 2 years, plus various short courses including BTUAS Irrigation Certificate Course, throughout the year. Please contact us for full date listings, qualifications and advice. Open evenings are held regularly on the campus.

**Bughtwater College**

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**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**

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**Oaks Oaklands College**

Full-time courses: N/S Relatives, N/S/AS Level 1-4. Part-time and flexible study options. Short Courses: Pesticides, Chainsaws and safe use of equipment. located in the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six hole golf training facility owned by HRH The Duke of York. Programmes include the first diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, with Landscape Design and Greenkeeping options plus Apprenticeships. Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. Residential accommodation is available and free parking on site.

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**Information:** Foundation Degree in Horticulture (Sportsturf) (specialises) with effect from Sept 2006 start subject to approval. National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Eboarding Studies), First Diploma in Horticulture. Part time courses: NCVQ Level 1; NCVQ Level 2 in Landscaping and Sports Turf; NCVQ Level 3 Landscaping and Sports Turf; NCVQ Level 4. Also available are RHS Certificate and RHS Advanced. [BSc (Hons)] Technical and Intermediate National Diplomas. Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw.

**RODBASTON COLLEGE**

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