GREENKEEPER TRAINING

**ABINGDON AND WITNEY COLLEGE**
Warren Farm Campus, Porton-cum-Studley, Oxford OX3 13R Contact: Alan Brown or John Revis Tel: 01865 351794 Fax: 01865 339631 Email: john.revis@abingdon-witney.ac.uk Web: www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk Information: Full-time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture (Greenkeeping and Grounds Maintenance), Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, Part-time courses: Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management Option) all available full or part-time, Block release courses: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NQF Level 4 Horticulture Track. Short courses: Pesticide, Spraying, Chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE**
Ashkm Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO33 3FR Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772211 Fax: 01904 772280 Email: db@askham-bryan.ac.uk Web: www.askham-bryan.ac.uk Information: First Diploma in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), Higher National Certificate in Horticulture (Golf Course Management Option), part-time study, Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management Option) all available full or part-time, Block release courses: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NQF Level 4 Horticulture Track. Short courses: Pesticide, Spraying, Chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**
Hull Place, Betchworth, Green, Midhurst, Berkshire, SIt 6QR Contact: Andy Williams Tel: 01628 824464 Fax: 01628 824495 Email: enquiries@bca.co.uk Web: www.bca.co.uk Information: Located in the Thames Valley. BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six hole golf course, fully equipped facilities for the Duke of York’s programme and the HND in Horticulture. All programmes are available full or part-time. Short courses available in Arboriculture/Chainsaw work, TOL training and Pesticide application training.

**BRIDGWATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON CENTRE FOR LANDBASED STUDIES**
Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1ST Contact: Steve Haskell Tel: 01278 655000 Fax: 01278 655015 Email: sally.frasier@cannington.ac.uk Web: www.cannington.ac.uk Information: National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf), Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, NVQ Level 2 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 4 Horticulture (Sportsturf), FEPA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Off-Road Vehicle Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics. Note: Certificate of Higher Education is available as a part-time option and Foundation Degree.

**EAST DURHAM AND HOUGHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Roughall, Durham, DH1 3SG Contact: Lisa Lay Tel: 01388 479400/479470 Fax: 01388 479419 Email: enquiries@bcel-hdh.ac.uk Web: www.bcel-hdh.ac.uk Information: Full-time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship - 1 year, National Diploma in Horticulture/Turf Option - 2 years, Part-time courses: Greenkeeping and Sportsturf maintenance NVQ Level 2 - Day Release, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance Day Release. Short courses: FEPA Modules, Chainsaw certification, Tree inspection, Horticultural Machinery, Safe Lifting and First Aid.

**HADLOW COLLEGE**
Hadhay, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL Contact: Sally Janagan Tel: 01732 853162 Fax: 01732 853207 Email: sally.janagan@hadlowcollege.ac.uk Web: www.hadlow.ac.uk Information: Work based learning: Apprenticeships in Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf), NVQ 2 & 3 in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf), A1/A1 VT awards. Short courses available including Pesticide application, first Aid and Tractor Driving. Funding available for many of these courses.

**HARTPURY COLLEGE**
Hartpury, Gloucestershire, GL19 3RE. Courses available include: National Awards, National Certificates and National Diplomas in Green Keeping and Groundsmanship and Amenity & Landscape Horticulture and Day Release training for Apprenticeships leading to NVQs in Sports Turf and Horticulture. For further information contact our Enquiry Line on 01452 702732 or visit the Hartpury College website at www.hartpury.ac.uk

**MERRIS Wood Campus of GUfLDORF College**
Wargrave, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 2PF Contact: Joe Pinchot Tel: 01483 886089 Fax: 01483 886081 Email: jpinchot@guflord.ac.uk Web: www.guflord.ac.uk Information: Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments at Merris Wood and at Crawley. Level 2 First Diploma college day release, for those without qualified workplace assessors, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors, NPTC Turfgrass Science and Management college day release over 2 years plus various short courses including BTLIA Irrigation Certificate Course, throughout the year. HND Turfgrass Science and Management college day release. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice. Career Evenings held regularly at the campus.

**MYERSCROUGH COLLEGE**
Bibbrooke, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 8RF Contact: Wayne Roberts Tel: 01959 642216/642323 Fax: 01959 642333 Email: mailbox@myerscrough.ac.uk Web: www.myerscrough.ac.uk Information: Full-time courses: BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science, Foundation Degree Sportsturf Science - online option by distance learning, NV Turf Science & Sportsground Maintenance: National Certificate in Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping, also Sports Turf Mechanisation option, First Diploma in Greenkeeping, Turf Science: NVQ 2, NVQ 3, NVQ 4 Greenkeeping Management delivered both in the workplace and over the internet using the colleges ‘Mollivet System’. Part time courses NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance (Big/track release or fast track work-based training qualifications). All higher education courses can be accessed on a part-time basis.: HND Turf Science: 3 year course. NPTC Certificates of competence in the safe use of mowers and turfware equipment. Careers mornings monthly on Saturdays.

**NECSTON - EAST NORTHANTS TECHNICAL COLLEGE**
Reigate Road, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3DS Contact: Gary Stowell Tel: 0345 3842320 Email: info@nesston.ac.uk Web: www.nesston.ac.uk Information: Full-time National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture, National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf. Foundation Degree Higher National Diploma in Golf Course Management. Part-time Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management; NVQ Levels 2, 3, 4 in Sports Turf plus a wide range of NPTC qualifications.

**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**
St Albans Smallfield Campus, Hartfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0GA Contact: Andrew Wight Tel: 01727 770780 Email: andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk Web: www.oaklands.ac.uk Information: Full-time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping, Apprenticeship Training. Evening Courses: leading to NVQ Level 4. Short Courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw.

**PLUMPTON COLLEGE**
Ditchling Road, Plumpton, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE Contact: David Blackmore Tel: 01273 890454 Fax: 01273 890071 Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk Information: National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Garden Design), First Diploma in Horticulture. Part-time courses: NVQ Level 1, NVQ Level 2 in Landscaping and Sportsturf, NVQ Level 3 Landscaping and Sportsturf, NVQ Level 4. Also available are RHS General and RHS Advanced; IOG National Technical and Intermediate National Diplomas. Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw.

**REASEHEATH COLLEGE**
Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF Contact: Chard Spicer Tel: 01270 613236 Fax: 01270 626655 Email: chards@reaseheath.ac.uk Web: www.reaseheath.ac.uk Information: Full-time National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture, National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf; Foundation Degree Higher National Diploma in Golf Course Management, (Part-time) Higher National Certificate in Golf Course Management; NVQ Levels 2, 3, 4 in Sports Turf plus a wide range of NPTC qualifications.
This guide is not exhaustive and a full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC. The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) is continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeepers Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Alltwar, Aine, York Y061 1UF; Tel: 01347 826640 or visit their website at http://www.the-gtc.co.uk

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**Rodbaston College**

- **Contact**: E: john.renshaw@rodbaston.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01785 715701
- **Website**: www.rodbaston.ac.uk

**SPARCSTILT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE**

- **Courses**: NVQ Level 3 Chainsaw, NVQ Level 2 HNC Horticulture, National Certificate in Horticulture.
- **Contact**: E: chris@sparcstilt.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01962 776387
- **Website**: www.sparcstilt.ac.uk

**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE**

- **Courses**: NVQ Level 2 Horticulture, NVQ Level 3 Agriculture, City & Guilds National Diploma in Horticulture.
- **Contact**: E: graham@sparsholt.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01264 328600
- **Website**: www.sparsholt.ac.uk

**THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: rob.young@cw.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01223 860701
- **Website**: www.cw.ac.uk

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**ELMWOOD COLLEGE**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@elmwood.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01334 658888
- **Website**: www.elmwood.ac.uk

**GOSTA TRAINING LTD**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@gostatraining.co.uk
- **Tel**: 0141 556 3999
- **Fax**: 0141 556 4999

**LANGSIDE COLLEGE**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@langside.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 0141 647 6300
- **Fax**: 0141 647 6300

**LANGSIDE COLLEGE**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@langside.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 0141 647 6300
- **Fax**: 0141 647 6300

**OATRIDGE COLLEGE**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@oatridge.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01785 715701
- **Fax**: 01785 715701

**PENCEDO COLLEGE**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@pencedo.ac.uk
- **Tel**: 01785 715701
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**SOUTH AYSHIRE COUNCIL GREENKEEPING COURSE**

- **Courses**: FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.
- **Contact**: E: info@southayshire.gov.uk
- **Tel**: 01292 678861
- **Fax**: 01292 678861

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