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 though 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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Part-time courses NVQ Level 2, 3 & 4 Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Maintenance (Work-Based Training). All higher education courses can be accessed on a part-time basis: FdSc / BSc Turf Science: FEPA Short courses. NPTC Certificates of Competence in the safe use of Mowers and Turf care Equipment. Careers mornings monthly on Saturdays.

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