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: SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sperrinstarf including other options and GTC Training Manual. Attendance Day release from November - March. Distance Learning also available. Short courses with certification include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Risk Assessment, Abrasive Wheels, Full Range of Machinery Courses, Manual Handling and Fire Extinguisher training. Consultancy service for Health and Safety Policy development, Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to Use system, COSHH and Noise Assessment.

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A full list of GTC approved training providers can be obtained from the GTC.

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of training providers offering greenkeeper training courses.

For more information contact the GTC on: 01347 838640 or visit: www.the-gtc.co.uk

FREE ENTRY INTO SEMINARS FOR STUDENTS UPON PRESENTATION OF STUDENT CARD!

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Information: Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments. New Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC. NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line distance learning. Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors.I-N-C Turfgrass Science and Management college day release over 2 years. HND day release 1 extra year plus a Top-up BSc Degree for HND graduates part-time over 2 years, Foundation Degree in Sports Turf Science subject to validation. All level NPTC short courses including Irrigation Certificate Course, Turf Maintenance equipment and Operation of Mowers throughout the year. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice. Open evenings are held regularly at the Campus.

MYERSCROUGH COLLEGE
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Information: Myrescough College is a leading centre for Sportsturf education and training in Europe and has excellent facilities supported by industry. These include a golf course, winter games pitches, an artificial grass pitch, and extensive library, workshop and laboratory resources. Specialist machinery and equipment is used throughout the curriculum to support the development of student learning and understanding of the practical, technical and scientific aspects of their chosen course and career. Courses are available to all levels from National Certificate to an Honours Degree in Turfgrass Science. Courses are available for full-time attendance, part-time or on an On-line basis. Our full time Sportsturf and BSc Turfgrass Science courses are uniquely available ONLINE and have students enrolled throughout the UK, Europe and the American continent. Our Work Based Training group offer NVQs in the workplace from levels 2-4.

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Information: Foundation Degree and Higher National Certificate in Golf and Sports Turf Management; National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf; NVO levels 2 & 3 in Sports Turf; Apprenticeships; NPTC Qualifications.
On-site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, football and rugby pitches, Crewe Alexandra training grounds.

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Information: Greenkeeping courses include: Foundation Degree: Sports Turf Management (2 yr full-time, 3 yr part-time), NVQ Level 2 & 3 day release and work-based options, NPTC Level 2 National Certificate sports & Amenity Turf Management (1 yr full-time, 2 yrs part-time). A full list of horticulture, landscape design, arboriculture and forestry courses available at all levels. Short Courses: Chainsaw Operator and Maintenance, Pesticide Application, fences/Wooden Structures, Landscape Design, Tractor Driving, Hedgelaying and more.Warwickshire College also offer a range of land-based courses, areas include: Animal Welfare, Equine and Agriculture.

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