Greenkeeper Training

A guide to the range of training provided throughout the UK

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 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.

SCOTLAND

ELMWOOD COLLEGE
Cooper, Fife, KY15 4JB
Contact: wroberts@elmwood.ac.uk


GOSTA TRAINING LTD
50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB
Contact: Chris Bothwell
Tel: 0141 556 3999 Fax: 0141 556 4999
Email: learn@gosta.training.co.uk

SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sportsturf 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.

TRAINING PROVIDERS/ COURSES GUIDE

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

OATRIDGE COLLEGE
Ecclesmarchan, By Broxburn, West Lothian, EH52 6NH
Contact: Steve Miller
Tel: 01506 864800  Fax: 01506 853373
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Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping; SVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Day Release); SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf (Day Release and Fast Track); NC’s HNCs, SVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subjects; NPTC/LANTRA short courses in Pesticides Spraying, Chainsaws, Turf Maintenance Equipment, ATVs etc; Other specific short courses on demand.
ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE
Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR
Contact: Central admissions Tel: 01904 772211
Email: enquiries@askham-bryan.ac.uk
Web: www.askham-bryan.ac.uk


DUCHY COLLEGE
Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PF
Duchy College, Rosewarne, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 0AH

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Web: www.duchy.ac.uk

Duchy College offers Level 1, 2, & 3 Diplomas and NVQ 4 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), Centre based L2 and L3 Diplomas in Horticulture (also Sustainable Horticulture), RHS Level 2, FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons) Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short legislative courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are also available.

HADLOW COLLEGE
Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL
Tel: 0500 551434
E-mail: enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk
Website: www.hadlow.ac.uk

City & Guilds work-based qualifications at Levels 2 and 3 in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping for apprenticeships for all ages. We also offer a range of short courses, such as Health & Safety, COSHH, Chainsaw and Pesticide Application.

MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE
Worpleston, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE
Contact: Philip Mayes - Tel: 07896 674789,
Email: pmayes@guildford.ac.uk
or Andrew McEvoy – Tel: 07896 674786,
Email: amcevoy@guildford.ac.uk
Website: www.merristwood.ac.uk

Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Apprenticeships and Non Apprenticeships Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, National Certificate Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line distance learning, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf Apprenticeships day release. Also, NVQ Level 4 Sportsturf Management, plus throughout the year various NPTC Certificate of Competence courses including; Automatic Turf Irrigation, Turf Maintenance Equipment, Mowers, FEPA PA1, 6 & 2, Tractors, Brushcutters and Strimmers. Please contact us for up-to-date qualifications and advice on courses and funding. Open days are held regularly at the Campus.

WE CAN MAKE YOUR GRASS GROW GREENER!

At Bridgwater College we offer innovative work-based Sports Turf Management training at Levels 2 and 3, delivered primarily ‘on the job’ and assessed at your workplace. This training is supported by our superb golf course facility at Cannington, near Bridgwater, and by a range of Horticulture courses and certificates of competence that is unrivalled in the South West and can benefit employees and employers alike.

To find out more please call Mark Wallington or Helen Goodland on 01278 655105 or contact via email at wallingtonm@bridgwater.ac.uk.

www.bridgwater.ac.uk
ENGLAND

MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE
Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY
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Myerscough College is a pioneering centre for Sportsturf Education and Training in Europe. Courses are available at all levels from Introductory Diploma to Honours Degrees in Turfgrass Science and Sportsturf and Golf Course Management. There are options for full-time and part-time study with our FdSc Sportsturf and HNC Turfgrass Science courses uniquely available ONLINE also and having students enrolled throughout the UK, Europe and the USA. A new “Top-Up” BSc Degree in Sportsturf and Golf Course Management is now available for those already holding FdSc or HND qualifications in Sportsturf. Our Work Based Training group offer NVQ’s in the workplace from levels throughout the UK.

OAKLANDS COLLEGE
St Albans Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA
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Full time courses: City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma options in Greenkeeping/Sports turf and Horticulture.
Work Based learning- Level 2 and 3 Diploma in Greenkeeping and Apprenticeship routes.

PLUMPTON COLLEGE
Ditchling Road, Plumpton, NR Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE
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Fax: 01273 890071
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Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk


REASEHEATH COLLEGE
Mantwix, Cheshire, CW5 6DF
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Tel: 01270 613236 Fax:01270 625665
Email: enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk
Web:www.reaseheath.ac.uk

Part time, block release courses include level 2, level 3 Certificate and Diploma in work based Horticulture (Sports Turf-Green keeper). NVQ level 4 Sports turf (Distance Learning). Our work based learning group offer apprenticeships in the workplace. BTEC First Diploma in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture/Sports Turf option, BTEC National Diploma in Sports Performance and Facilities Management endorsed by Premier League, Football league. Short Courses include Pesticide application (PA1/PA2/PA6) Chainsaw operation, Safe use of mowers. Bespoke courses and overseas programs available on request. On site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, rugby, football pitches and Crewe Alexandra training grounds.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE
Penkridge, Staffordshire ST19 5PH
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Web:www.southstaffs.ac.uk

South Staffordshire College offers an extensive range of courses, full, part time and day release. Full time programmes include; NPTC Skills for Life, Level One, 1st Diploma, National Award. National Certificate and National Diploma. Higher Education programmes can be studied on a part time basis and include Foundation Degree and the Hnc in Horticulture. Work based learning is available at NVQ 1, NVQ 2, and NVQ 3 and South Staffordshire offers very extensive Trainee provision. Sports turf and green keeping can be studied to NVQ 2 and NVQ 3 level on a day release basis. The college offers a wide transport network to its learners as well as residential accommodation on site.

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE
Sparsholt College Hampshire (incorporating Andover College Campus)
Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2NF
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Web: www.sparsholt.ac.uk

NVQ and Advanced Apprenticeships in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf). ND Sport – Golf Academy. Short-courses accredited by NPTC , LANTRA Or NVQ in chainsaw operation, pesticides, tree felling and clearing, arboriculture and machinery maintenance.

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