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.

There are now a number of GTC Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers identified by the GTC Quality Assured logo.
**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

Extended Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture.  
Foundation & Extended Foundation Degrees in SportsSurf ace Management, Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Management or Arboriculture. All available full or part-time.  
Block release courses: WBL Diploma Levels 2 & 3 Greenkeeping  
WBL Diploma Levels 2 & 3 Groundsman Sportsturf Maintenance.  
Short courses: FEPA spraying, irrigation, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

**DUCHY COLLEGE**
Duchy College, Stoke Climsland,  
Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PN  
Duchy College, Rosewarne,  
Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 0AB

Contact: Liz Clarkson  
Tel: 01579 372345/07785 105087  
Email: liz.clarkson@duchy.ac.uk  
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.  
Additionally full and part-time courses (post GCSE through to degree level) are available in horticulture and a variety of other land-based subjects.

**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 IG/ 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.

**MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE**
Bilsborrow, Preston,  
Lancashire PR3 0RY  
Contact: Stewart Brown  
Tel: 01995 642305  
Web: www.myerscough.ac.uk

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 BSc 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

Contact: Andrew Wight  
Tel: 01727 737735  
Email: andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk  
Web: www.oaklands.ac.uk

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.
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PLUMPTON COLLEGE
Ditchling Road, Plumpton, NR Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE
Tel: 01273 890454
Fax: 01273 890071
Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk
Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE
Penkridge, Staffordshire ST19 5PH
Tel: 01785 712209
Fax: 01785 715701
Email: keith.ellis@southstaffs.ac.uk
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 BSc in Horticulture. Work-based learning is available at NVQ 1, NVQ 2, and NVQ 3 and South Staffordshire offers very extensive Train2Gain 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.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE
Mantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF
Contact: Gareth Phillips or Chard Spicer
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: Greenkeeper); NVQ level 4 (Sports Turf: Distance Learning). Our work-based learning group offer apprenticeships in the work place. 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 Creeve Alexandra training grounds.

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE
Sparsholt College Hampshire (incorporating Andover College Campus)
Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2
Contact: Registry
Telephone: 01962 797213
Email: enquiry@sparsholt.ac.uk
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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