

# GREENKEEPER TRAINING

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeper training courses. This guide shows colleges offering courses to craft, supervisory and management levels, but it must be stated that until the GTC review is completed only the green coded colleges are approved to train greenkeepers beyond craft level. The introduction of vocational qualifications into industries, has

caused the colleges to re-think their training policies and the GTC will be issuing guidelines for the golf greenkeeping industry as to which colleges employers and their staff should be supporting. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Alne, York YO61 1UF, Tel: 01347 838640 or visit their website at [http://www.the\\_gtc.co.uk](http://www.the_gtc.co.uk)

## SCOTLAND



**ELMWOOD COLLEGE**, Cupar, Fife. KY15 4JB Contact Huw Parry Tel 01334 658842 Fax 01334 658888 or Email [abain@elmwood.ac.uk](mailto:abain@elmwood.ac.uk)  
Full time National Certificate, Block Release following SVQ Level II and GTC training manual. SVQ level III Block Release and Outreach available with SVQ level IV coming soon. HNC/HND Golf Course Management available as full time, block release and distance learning. Professional development awards for football and cricket available by both Block Release and Outreach. FEPA and COSHH, chainsaws, tree climbing and rescue techniques and Health and safety short courses also available.



**GOSTA TRAINING LTD**; Unit 5E Clydeaway Centre, 45 Finnieston Street, Glasgow, G3 8JU, Contact Chris Bothwell, Tel: 0141 248 2772 Fax: 0141 248 2453  
Email: [training@gostatraining.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:training@gostatraining.freereserve.co.uk) SVQ 1, 2, 3 and 4 also Modern Apprenticeship in all options of Amenity Horticulture including Sports Turf and GTC Manual. Attendance day/block release from November to March. Short courses include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Abrasive Wheels, Manual Handling and Assessor training. Consultancy covering Noise Assessment, Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to Use, COSHH, Health and Safety Policy.



**LANGSIDE COLLEGE**, Rutherglen Campus, Buchanan Drive, Rutherglen, G73 3PF Contact Colin S Urquhart, Tel: 0141 647 6300.  
Email: [colinurq@perseus.langside.ac.uk](mailto:colinurq@perseus.langside.ac.uk) SVQ, SGA, HNC, HND. Full time and part-time courses in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship, Golf Course Management, Horticulture, Land and Environment and Applied Ecology. Short courses for land-based industries including Risk Assessment and Pesticides.



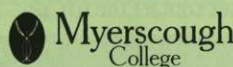
**OATRIDGE AGRICULTURE COLLEGE**, Ecclesmachan, By Broxburn, West Lothian, near Edinburgh, EH52 6NH. Contact Steve Miller. Tel: 01506 854387  
Fax: 01506 853373. HNC In Golf Course Management (Part-time): Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Management: SVQ Level II and GTC Manual (Day and Block Release): SVQ Level III Sportsturf (Day and Block Release) SVQ Level III in Ground Care Machinery, full range of Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subjects at HNC, National Certificate and SVQ Levels; Short Course - FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.  
E-mail: [OATRIDGE\\_AGRICULTURAL\\_COLLEGE\\_EDU@msn.com](mailto:OATRIDGE_AGRICULTURAL_COLLEGE_EDU@msn.com)



**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE** Askham Bryan, York YO23 3FR. Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772211. National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), 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, NVQ Level 4 Amenity Horticulture. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.



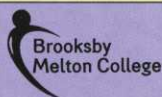
**EAST DURHAM AND HOUGHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, Houghall, Durham DH1 3SG. Contact Tony Milan. Tel: 0191 386 1351.  
Full-time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship - 1 year; National Diploma in Horticulture Turf Option - 2/3 years. Part time courses: Greenkeeping 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.



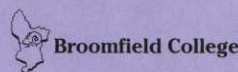
**MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE** Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY Tel: 01995 642211/642222 Fax: 01995 642333 E-mail: [mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk)  
Website: [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk) Full time courses; BSc (Hon's) Turfgrass Science, HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management; ND Turf Science; NC Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping: First Diploma; Turf Science: NVQ Level 2. Part-time courses NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Maintenance (Day/block release or Fast track work-based training qualification). HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management; HNC Turf Science; FEPA Short courses: Industry Training Support Course: Myerscough Turfgrass Foundation holds an annual conference and regular education seminars.



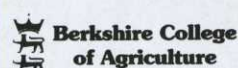
**REASEHEATH COLLEGE** Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF. Tel: 01270 625131 Fax: 01270 625665 E-mail: [brianj@reaseheath.ac.uk](mailto:brianj@reaseheath.ac.uk) website: [www.reaseheath.ac.uk](http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk)  
Full time First Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 1 year. National Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 2 years. BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management - 3 years. Part time: HNC Golf Course Management with Open Learning option, NVQ Levels 1-4 Greenkeeping with Fast Track options. IOG courses available. Short courses: FEPA Chemical Safety; Safe Lifting; Chainsaws, Off-Road Vehicle Driving; First Aid.



**BROOKSBY MELTON COLLEGE**, Brooksby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2LJ. Situated on the A607 between Leicester and Melton Mowbray, contact Ann Hurt/Jo Lees. Telephone 01664 434291.  
Programmes available include NVQ Level I, II, III & IV in Greenkeeping. Work based emphasis for all of these programmes. Short courses available in Arboriculture/Chainsaw work, FEPA certification, TDLB training.



**BROOMFIELD COLLEGE** Morley, Ilkeston, Derby DE7 6DN. Contact Admissions Officer. Tel: 01332 836600. NVQ Level I and Level II. Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping) Block Release course. Two years duration presented in 12 one-week blocks following guidelines of GTC Training Manual. NVQ Level III gained by 9 x 3 day blocks or day release or APL service. Also available TDLB, Pesticides, Chainsaw and First Aid Training.



**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**, Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 6QR. Tel: 01628 824444. Fax: 01628 824695.  
Email: [enquiries@berks-coll-ag.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@berks-coll-ag.ac.uk) Website: [www.berks-coll-ag.ac.uk](http://www.berks-coll-ag.ac.uk)  
Full-time programmes - BTEC First & National Diploma. Part-time programmes - NVQ 2 & 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf (day and block release). Short courses - Greenkeeping for golfers, NPCT Chainsaw Competence Certificates, Spray Operators Training Courses.



**BRINSBURY COLLEGE**, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1DL. Tel: 01798 877400, Fax: 01798 875222. E-mail: [Student-services@brinsbury.ac.uk](mailto:Student-services@brinsbury.ac.uk)  
Website: [www.brinsbury.ac.uk](http://www.brinsbury.ac.uk) FULL-TIME: BTEC National Diploma Horticulture (Greenkeeping option), BTEC First Diploma New Entrant Horticulture (Greenkeeping option), City & Guilds National Certificate Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sportsground option), PART-TIME: NVQ3 Sports Turf Maintenance (Day release or work based), NVQ2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sports Turf options), plus varied short courses including Chainsaw, Brushcutter/Strimmer, PA1/PA2A/PA6A/PA9 etc.



**WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE**, Royal Leamington Spa & Moreton Morrell, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9BL. Contact: Brian Cook  
Tel: 01926 318268. Email: [enquiries@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@warkscol.ac.uk) Greenkeeping Courses: HNC Sports Turf & Golf Course Management (Day Release 2 year Programme); NVQ Level 2 & 3 Day Release and Workbased Option (we come to you); two year ND in Horticulture with Turf Option; IOG Intermediate Diploma (evening class); Certificate in Turf Irrigation. Short Courses: Introduce your Committee to Turf Culture; Computing for the Greenkeeper; Various throughout the year - ring for details. FEPA; Chainsaw Certification; TDLB; First Aid also RHS General and Diploma.

## NORTH

## MIDLANDS

## SOUTH EAST

# A GUIDE TO THE COLLEGES AND COURSES AVAILABLE

KEY  
TO COLOURS

Currently GTC approved at Regional Training Centres, offering courses at Craft, Supervisory and Management levels

Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Supervisory level

Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Craft level only

Please note that all the college details published in this guide were supplied by the colleges themselves. Greenkeeper International takes no responsibility for accuracy of information provided. Contact the college directly for prospectuses and comprehensive information.

SOUTH EAST



**HADLOW COLLEGE** Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. Contact Tony Leach Tel: 01732 850551. NVQ Level II and Level III Part-time Day Release with two periods of Block Release or evenings. Level II in Groundsmanship evenings. NVQ Level III Golf Greenkeeping. BTEC First Diploma Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Horticulture (Sports Turf option). National Certificate: Sports Turf Management, National Diploma: Sports Turf Management, National Diploma Sports Studies, National Intermediate Diploma in Turf, Institute of Groundsmanship National Practical Certificate. Centres at Hadlow, Canterbury, Maidstone and Mottingham.



**MERRISTWOOD COLLEGE**, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE. Contact D I Rhodes Tel: 01483 884003. Fax: 01483 884001. E-mail: info@merristwood.ac.uk. Website: www.merristwood.ac.uk Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management. Part time courses: NVQ Amenity Horticulture Level 2 and 3 in the work place - we come to you. NVQ Amenity Horticulture Sports Turf Maintenance Level 2, NVQ Amenity Horticulture Sports Turf Maintenance Level 3 (afternoon/evening release). HNC Turf Science (afternoon/evening release). Various short courses throughout the year. Please contact us for up-to-date listings and information.



**NESCOT** North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact Dr S Shaw. Tel: 020 8394 3038 or email: info@nescot.ac.uk NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options) Training and assessment for the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Part time, Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses.



**OAKLANDS COLLEGE** Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0JA. Contact Ian Merrick. Tel: 01727 737000 Fax: 01727 737752. Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, Modern Apprenticeships. Evening courses: leading to NVQ Levels 3 and 4. Short courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw, Greenkeeper Mechanics.



**SPARSHOLT COLLEGE** Sparsholt, Winchester, Hants SO21 2NF Contact Ray Broughton. Tel: 01962 776441. NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping Practice, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping Supervision, City & Guilds Phase iv Management Studies, National Diplomas in Golf Course Management and Golf Studies, GTC: Greenkeeping Certificate, GTC: Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, FEPA: Short courses, Chainsaws. All courses other than Phase IV are offered on block release. Full residential facilities available. Sparsholt college provides education and training in the land-based industries.



The College of West Anglia offers a full range of courses for Greenkeepers including: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship), NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf Maintenance. GTC Craft Certificate, GTC Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, TDLB Assessors awards, FEPA, Chain Saws, MO1. Other Courses: National and First Diploma in Horticulture and Garden Design. For further information, please contact Bob Young at our Milton Campus on 01223 860701 or Student Support at King's Lynn on 01553 761144 Ext 271.



**WRITTLE COLLEGE**, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3RR. Tel: 01245 424200 Fax: 01245 420456 Website: www.writtle.ac.uk  
SPORTSTURF PROGRAMMES (Contact - David Campbell) NVQ Level 2 - Sportsturf: NVQ Level 3 - Sportsturf Maintenance. NVQ Level 4 - Amenity Horticulture. HNC - Sportsturf Science. HND - Sportsturf and Golf Course Management. Other Programmes: First Diploma. National Certificate. National Diploma (with Sportsturf Option). BSc (Hons) Sportsturf Science and Management. BSc (Hons) Horticulture. BSc (Hons) Landscape and Amenity Management. MSc Landscape and Amenity Management. NVQ 2 and 3 Service Engineering. FEPA, Chainsaw. Tractor Driving

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**CANNINGTON COLLEGE** Cannington Bridgwater, Somerset TA5 2LS. Contact Terry Horne: 01278 655083. http://www.cannington.ac.uk Email: hornet@cannington.ac.uk BTEC Higher National Diploma in Sports Science (Golf Option). BTEC National Diploma in Sports Science (Golf Studies), Higher National Certificate Golf Course Management, BTEC First Diploma, BTEC National Diploma in Golf Course Management, BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management NVQ Level I and II Golf Greenkeeping, NVQ Level III Greenkeeping and Supervisory Management, NVQ Level IV Greenkeeping Management, FEPA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Off-road Vehicle Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics. Certificate in Irrigation (BTIA) 1 week course; National Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping (1yr FT). Note: HND = 2 yr course HNC now 2 yr day release course



**HARTPURY COLLEGE** Hartpury House, Gloucester GL19 3BE. Hartpury Marketing Tel: 01452 830065 Fax: 01452 700629. Courses available: First Diploma Horticulture, National Certificate Horticulture, National Diploma Landscaping, First Diploma Greenkeeping, Certificate in Greenkeeping, National Diploma Greenkeeping, National Diploma Golf Studies, Modern Apprenticeships, Route 2 Work, NVQs available in Amenity Horticulture, Commercial Horticulture, Amenity / Turf, Amenity / Sportsturf, Decorative Horticulture, plus RHS General Examination, City & Guilds Certificate in Gardening, TDLB Assessor Awards and a full programme of amateur, leisure and day release courses.



**WARREN FARM CENTRE** is the base for West Oxfordshire College's education and training in Greenkeeping, Sportsturf, Amenity horticulture and allied land based courses for the whole of Oxfordshire. Courses include: NVQ Levels 2 & 3 in Sportsturf, Decorative Horticulture and Hard Landscape. We also offer a range of short courses for the Industry including Health & Safety, pesticide training and chainsaw operation. For more information contact either Alan Brown or John Revis on Tel. no: 01865 351794, Fax No. 01865 358931. Email: alan\_brown@oxfc.ac.uk

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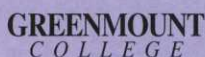


**PENCOED COLLEGE**, Pencoed, Bridgend, Cardiff CF35 5LG. Tel: 01656 302600. Fax: 01656 302601. Courses: NVQ Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Levels 1-4, HND in Turf Management in conjunction with the University of Glamorgan. Short Courses - include Pesticides Application, Chainsaw Operation, Machinery Maintenance plus many others. Outreach NVQ II & III in the workplace. Pencoed College is conveniently situated between Cardiff and Swansea J35 on the M10.

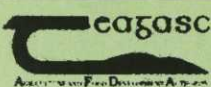


**WELSH COLLEGE OF HORTICULTURE**, Northop, Flintshire. Contact Graham Wright. Tel: 01352 841034, Fax: 01352 841031. Email: graham.wright@woch.ac.uk. Website: www.woch.ac.uk. Full-time - Higher National Diploma in Turf Management. Part-time - Day release Higher National Certificate in Turf Management. Block Week - NVQ Amenity Sportsturf Levels 2-3. Briefing Days - NVQ Level 4, TDLB Assessor Courses D32, 33, 34. Day Courses - FEPA, Chainsaw Certification, First Aid, C.I.E.H.

IRELAND



**GREENMOUNT COLLEGE** Antrim BT41 4PU. Contact Declan Gallagher 028 94 426794 Email: declan.gallagher@dardni.gov.uk Website: www.greenmount.ac.uk. Day release courses to (a) GTC Certificate/NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Sportsturf (b) GTC Certificate/NVQ Level III Golf Course Supervision National Diploma in Horticulture with Turf options FEPA, Health & Safety and a range of short courses.



**TEAGASC COLLEGE** Teagasc College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Contact Pat Suttle. Tel: 00353 16376133. Block release courses in greenkeeping providing Level III Certificates by the National Council of Vocational Awards. Level III Certificate in Golf Course management, Level II Certificate in Groundsmanship. Further Education Programme also available.