

As a member of the Greenkeepers Training Committee, BIGGA is actively involved in raising the Standard of Greenkeeper Training. The range and quality of training now available means that there is a training course for every greenkeeper which should improve the quality of greenkeeping and help to produce quality golf courses.

Golf Course Managers should ensure that their staff are trained to the highest standards, beginning 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 if you think that training is expensive then try ignorance.

Ken Richardson Education and Training Manager, British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association Tel: 01347 833800

Email: education@bigga.co.uk Website: www.bigga.org.uk The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) is continually striving to raise the standards of Golf Course Maintenance and Management and they are totally committed to ensuring that the range of qualifications are relevant to the Sportsturf sector and used by Employers for recruitment and by trainees for their own personal development.

The Government endorsed awards range from National/Scottish Vocational Qualifications (N/SVQ's) to the more academic Higher National Certificate (HNC)/National Diploma (ND)/Higher National Diploma (HND) in Golf Course Management and the Degree in Sportsturf Science.

The qualifications are continually under review by the Lantra Sector Skills Council (SSC) in association with the GTC. The quality of the delivery of these awards by the network of GTC Approved Training Providers is also constantly monitored by the GTC.

For up to date independent advice on qualifications, education and training courses contact the GTC on: Tel: 01347 838640

Email: golf@the-gtc.co.uk Website: www.the-gtc.co.uk

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- Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management

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For further details please contact Sue O'Neill, Student Enquiries, Cranfield University, Silsoe, Bedford MK45 4DT.
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GREENKEEPER TRAINING

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ABINGDON AND WITNEY COLLEGE Warren Farm Campus, Horton-cum-Studley, Oxford OX33 1BY Contact: Alan Brown or John Revis Tel: 01865 351794 Fax: 01865 358931 Email: john.revis@abingdon-witney.ac.uk Web: www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk Information: Warren Farm Campus is the base for Abingdon and Witney 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, Landscaping and Nursery. 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: 01865 351794 or Fax: 01865 358931.



ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772211 Fax: 01904 772288 Email: sf@askham-bryan.ac.uk Web: www.askham-bryan.ac.uk Information: National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf-Course Management): part-time study, Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management): part-time study, Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management): part-time study, Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management): 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.



BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 6QR Contact: Andy Williams Tel: 01628 824444 Fax: 01628 824695
Email: enquiries@bca.ac.uk Web: www.bca.ac.uk Information: Located in the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training including a six-hole golf training facility opened by HRH The Duke of York. Programmes include the First Diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, with Landscape Design and Greenkeeping options plus Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. Residential accommodation is available.



BRINSBURY CAMPUS, CHICHESTER COLLEGE North Heath, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1DL Contact: Ian Norman Tel: 01243 786321 Fax: 01798 875222 Email: info@Chichster.ac.uk Web:www.brinsbury.ac.uk Information: FULL-TIME: National Diploma Horticulture (Sports Turf), National Certificate Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sports Turf options), BTEC First Diploma New Entrant Horticulture. PART-TIME: NVQ3 Sports Turf Maintenance (Work based), NVQ2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sports Turf options), plus varied Short Courses including Chainsaw, Brushcutter/Strimmer, Spray Courses PA1/PA2/PA6/PA9 etc.



BROOKSBY MELTON COLLEGE Brooksby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE14 2LJ Contact: Jo Lees Tel: 01664 850850 Fax: 01664 855355

Email: course.enquiries@brooksbymelton.ac.uk Web: www.brooksbymelton.ac.uk Information: Situated on the A607 between Leicester and Melton Mowbray. Programmes available include NVQ Levels 2, 3 & 4 in Greenkeeping. Work based emphasis for all of these programmes. Short courses available in Arboriculture/Chainsaw work, TDLB training and Pesticide application training.Amenity Horticulturuer NVQ Levels 2, 3 & 4.



CANNINGTON COLLEGE Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS Contact: Philip Sharples Tel: 01278 655084 Fax: 01278 655085 Email: sharplesp@cannington.ac.uk Web: www.cannington.ac.uk Information: Edexcel National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf), Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Turfgrass Science and Technology, NVQ Level II Golf Greenkeeping, NVQ Level III Greenkeeping and Supervisory Management, WVQ Level IV Horticulture (Sportsturf), FFBA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Off-road Vehicle Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics. Certificate in Irrigation (BTLIA) 1 week course; National Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping (1yr FT). Note: Certificate of Higher Education and Foundation Degrees both available as part time option.



EAST DURHAM AND HOUGHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Houghall, Durham, DH1 3SG Contact: Tony Milan Tel: 0191 386 1351 Fax: 0191 386 0419

Email: enquiry@edhcc.ac.uk Web: www.edhcc.ac.uk Information: Full-time courses: National Ortification 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 3/4 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance Day Release. Short courses: FEPA Modules, Chainsaw certification, Tree inspection, Horticultural Machinery, Safe Lifting and First Aid.



HADLOW COLLEGE Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 OAL Contact: Norman Croasdale Tel: 01732 852152 Fax: 01732 853207

Email: normancroasdale@hadlow.ac.uk Web: www.hadlow.ac.uk

Information: First Diploma Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Horticulture (Sports Turf Option) National Award, Amenity Horticulture.



HARTPURY COLLEGE Hartpury House, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL19 3BE Contact: Rosalind Camp Tel: 01452 702133 Fax: 01452 700629 Email: enquire@hartpury.ac.uk Web: www.hartpury.ac.uk Information: Courses available: College Certificate Greenkeeping , First Diploma Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Award Greenkeeping & Groundsmanship, National Certificate Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Certificate Greenkeeping & Groundsmanship, National Diploma Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Diploma Amenity & Landscape Horticulture, National Diploma Sport (Performance and Excellence) (Golf Studies). Work Based Training NVQ's, RHS examinations City & Guilds, TDLB Assessor Awards as well as a full range of amateur, leisure and day release courses.



MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 3PE Contact: Joe Paulin Tel: 01483 884088 Fax: 01483 884001 Email: jpaulin@merristwood.ac.uk
Web: www.merristwood.ac.uk Information: Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments at Merrist Wood and at Crawley,
Level 2 Edexcel first Diploma college day release, also full-time for those without qualified workplace accessories, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf college day release and workplace
visits/assessments, Level 3 Edexcel National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors, Edexcel HNC Turfgrass Science and Management college
day release over 2 years plus various short courses throughout the year. Edexcel HND Turfgrass Science and Management college day release. Please contact us for up-to-date
listings, qualifications and advice. Career Evenings held monthly at the college.



MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 ORY Contact: Colin Stanfield Tel: 01995 642222/642305 Fax: 01995 642333 Email: mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk Web: www.myerscough.ac.uk Information: Full time courses; BSc (Hon's) Turfgrass Science, Foundation Degree Sportsturf Science - online option by distance learning, ND Turf Science & Sportsground Maintenance: National Certificate in Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping, also Sports Turf Mechanisation option: First Diploma in Greenkeeping; Turf Science: NVQ 2, 3 & 4 Greenkeeping Management delivered both in the work place and over the internet using the colleges 'Mollnet System'. Part-time courses NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Maintenance (Day/block release or Fast track work-based training qualification). All higher education courses can be accessed on a part time basis. HNC Turf Science: FEPA Short courses. NPTC Certificates of competence in the safe use of mowers and turfcare equipment.



NESCOT - NORTH EAST SURREY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 3DS Contact: Mr Colin 5 Smith Tel: 020 8394 3220 Email: info@nescot.ac.uk Web: www.nescot.ac.uk Information: NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options). Part time Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses. Also available - RHS General and Advanced Certificates in Horticulture. RHS Diploma in Horticulture.



OAKLANDS COLLEGE St Albans Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA Contact: Ian Merrick Tel: 01727 737000 Fax: 01727 737752

Email: ian.merrick@oaklands.ac.uk Web: www.oaklands.ac.uk Information: Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping, Modern Apprenticeships. Evening Courses: leading to NVQ Level 4. Short Courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw.



PLUMPTON COLLEGE Ditchling Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE Contact: David Blackmur Tel: 01273 890454 Fax: 01273 890071 Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk
Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk Information: HNC (Sportsturf, subject to validation) National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Garden Design), First Diploma in
Horticulture. Part time courses: NVQ Level 1; NVQ Level 2 in Amenity and Sportsturf; NVQ Level 3 Landscaping and Sportsturf; NVQ Level 4. Also available are RHS General and
RHS Advanced; IOG National Technical and Intermediate National Diploma. Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw.



REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF Contact: Brian Jones Tel: 01270 613236 Fax: 01270 625665 Email: brianj@reaseheath.ac.uk Web: www.reaseheath.ac.uk Information: 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 - contact tutor for details, NVQ Levels 1-4 Greenkeeping with Flexible Learning options. Short courses: FEPA, Chemical Safety; Safe Lifting; Chainsaws, Off-Road Vehicle Driving; First Aid. NPTC Certificate of Competence.

Training providers guide Available courses guide

This guide is not exhaustive and 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. 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



SPARSHOLT COLLEGE HAMPSHIRE Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2NF Contact: Ray Broughton Tel: 01962 776441 Fax: 01962 776587

Email: rbroughton@sparsholt.ac.uk Web: www.sparsholt.ac.uk Information: 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, National Certificate in Golf Course Supervision, FEPA: Short courses, Chainsaws. Phase IV and NVQ Level 2 are offered on block release and day release. Full residential
facilities available. Sparsholt College provides education and training in the land-based industries.



THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA Milton Campus Contact: Bob Young Tel: 01223 860701 Email: Student Support at King's Lynn on 01553 761144 Ext 271 Information: 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.



WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE Royal Learnington Spa & Moreton Morrell, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV35 9BL Contact: Andrew Turnbull Tel: 01926 318258
Fax: 01926 318300 Email: enquiries⊚warkscol.ac.uk Web: www.warkscol.ac.uk Information: Greenkeeping Courses: HNC Sports Turf & Golf Course Management (Day Release 2 year Programme also distance learning option); NVQ Level 2 & 3 Day Release and Workbased Option (we come to you); two year ND in Horticulture with Turf Option); BTLIA Certificate in Turf Irrigation. Short Courses: Computing for the Greenkeeper - various times throughout the year - ning for details. FEPA; Spraying Certification, Chainsaw Certification; TDLB; First Aid. Also RH5 General and Diploma, PA1, PA2A and PA6. Professional Certificate/Diploma in Greenkeeping. Advanced National Certificate in Sports Turf Management - 2 year day release.



WRITTLE COLLEGE Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3RR Contact: David Campbell Tel: 01245 424200 Fax: 01245 420456 Web: www.writtle.ac.uk
Information: SPORTSTURF PROGRAMMES NVQ Level 2 - Sportsturf: NVQ Level 3 - Sportsturf Maintenance. NVQ Levels 2 & 3 - Amenity Horticulture. HNC - Sportsturf Science.
HND - Sportsturf and Golf Course Management. Other Programmes; 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.
First Diploma Agriculture (Mechanisation), C & G Agricultural Mechanics Certificate. FEPA. Chainsaw. Tractor Driving.

NORTHERN IRELAND



GREENMOUNT COLLEGE Antrim, County Antrim, Northern Ireland BT41 4PU Contact: Paul Campbell Tel: 028 94 426794 Email: paul.campbell@dardni.gov.uk Web: www.greenmount.ac.uk Information: Day release courses to (a) NVQ Level II Greenkeeping and Sportsturf, (b) NVQ Level III Golf Course Supervision, (c) Advanced National Certificate in Horticulture (Sportsturf), (d) National Diploma & Higher National Diploma turf options FEPA, Health and Safety and a range of short courses.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND



TEAGASC COLLEGE College of Amenity Horticulture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, DUBLIN 9, Republic of Ireland
Contact: Pat Suttle Tel: 00353 18040201 Fax: 00353 18040212 Email: psuttle@kinsealy.teagasc.ie Web: www.teagasc.ie
Information: Courses offered: Level 3 Certificate in Greenkeeping. Level 3 Certificate in Golf Course Management. National Diploma in Horticulture (Greenkeeping Major offered).

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ELMWOOD COLLEGE Cupar, Fife, KY15 4JB Contact: Ann Bain Tel: 01334 658842 Fax: 01334 658888 Email: abain@elmwood.ac.uk Web: www.elmwood.ac.uk Information: Full time National Certificate Greenkeeping: Block Release SVQ Level II, SVQ Level III Sportsturf block release and Outreach available, and SVQ Level IV, HNC/D Golf Course Management available as full-time, block release and distance learning. HNC Golf Facility Management, HND Golf Facility Management, PDA for football and cricket available 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 5E Clydeway Centre, 45 Finnieston Street, Glasgow, G3 8JU Contact: Chris Bothwell Tel: 0141 248 2772 Fax: 0141 248 2453
Email: learn@gostatraining.co.uk Information: SVQ II, III and IV also Modern Apprenticeship in Sportsturf including other options and GTC Training Manual.
Attendance Day/Block 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.



LANGSIDE COLLEGE Ruthergien Campus, Buchanan Drive, Ruthergien, Glasgow, G73 3PF Contact: Colin S Urquhart Tel: 0141 647 6300 Email: colinurq@perseus.langside.ac.uk Information: 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 AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE Ecclesmachan, By Broxburn, West Lothian, Edinburgh, EH52 6NH Contact: Steve Miller Tel: 01506 854387 Fax: 01506 853373
Email: info@oatridge.ac.uk Web: www.oatridge.ac.uk Information: HNC In Golf Course Management (Part-time): Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping: SVQ Level II and GTC Manual (Day and Block Release): SVQ Level 3 Fost Track (Day and Block Release): SVQ Level II in Service Engineering , full range of Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subjects at HND and HNC, National Certificate and SVQ Levels; Short Course - FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift, First Aid.

PENCOE

PENCOED COLLEGE Pencoed, Bridgend, Cardiff, CF35 5LG Contact: Paul Discombe or John Sullivan Tel: 01656 302672 Fax: 01656 302601

Email: pfdiscombe@bridgend.ac.uk Web: www.bridgend.ac.uk Information: NVQ Sportsturf Level 2-3, HNC/HND Turf Management. National Certificate/Advanced National

Certificate - Sportsturf Management. Short courses: PA1, PA2 PA6a and Chainsaws. NCH National Certificate in Horticulture. Advanced National Certificate in Horticulture.



Welsh College Of Horticulture Northop Mold, Flintshire CH7 6AA Contact: Graham Wright Tel: 01352 841034 Fax: 01352 841031 Email: graham.wright@wCoh.ac.uk Web: www.wcoh.ac.uk Information: 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 032, 33, 34. Day Courses - FEPA, Chainsaw Certification, First Aid, C.I.E.H.