

# GREENKEEPER TRAINING



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:** 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 and distance learning. HNC Golf Facility Management, HND Golf Facility Management, PDA for football and cricket available Outreach. FEPA and COSHH, chainsaws, tree climbing and rescue techniques and Health and Safety short courses also available.



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**Email:** [learn@gostatraining.co.uk](mailto:learn@gostatraining.co.uk) **Information:** 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.



**LANGSIDE COLLEGE** Rutherglen Campus, Buchanan Drive, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 3PF **Contact:** William O'Neil **Tel:** 0141 272 3823 **Email:** [woneil@langside.ac.uk](mailto:woneil@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 Pesticides.



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**Email:** [info@oatridge.ac.uk](mailto:info@oatridge.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.oatridge.ac.uk](http://www.oatridge.ac.uk) **Information:** Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping: SVQ Level II and GTC Manual (Day and Block Release); SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf & SVQ Level 3 Fast Track (Day and Block Release) SVQ Level III 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.



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



**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE** Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR **Contact:** Central Admissions **Tel:** 01904 772211 **Email:** [enquires@askham-bryan.ac.uk](mailto:enquires@askham-bryan.ac.uk)  
**Web:** [www.askham-bryan.ac.uk](http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk) **Information:** First Diploma in Horticulture, Higher National Certificate in Horticulture (Golf Course Management): Part-Time Study, Foundation Degree Horticulture or Landscape and Garden Management, Foundation Degree Horticulture, all available full or part-time. Block release courses: 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:** Deborah Smirfitt **Tel:** Freephone 0800 0711 666  
**Fax:** 01628 824695 **Email:** [enquiries@bca.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@bca.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.bca.ac.uk](http://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 Apprenticeships, Higher National Diploma/Certificate programmes. Part-time programmes include NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. Residential accommodation is available and free parking on site.



**BRIDGWATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON CENTRE FOR LAND-BASED STUDIES**, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS **Contact:** Course Enquires **Tel:** 01278 441234 **Fax:** 01278 444363 **Email:** [enquiries@bridgwater.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@bridgwater.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.bridgwater.ac.uk](http://www.bridgwater.ac.uk) **Information:** National Certificate in Horticulture (Sportsturf), Advanced National Certificate in Horticulture (Sports Turf), Certificate of Higher Education in Golf Course Management, Foundation Degree in Golf Course Management, NVQ Level 2 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf, FEPA Training, Chainsaw Certification, Greenkeeper Mechanics. Note: The Certificate of Higher Education and the Foundation Degree are available as part-time options.



**EAST DURHAM AND HOUGHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Houghall, Durham, DH1 3SG **Contact:** Ian Lacy **Tel:** 0191 375 4754 / 0191 375 4740  
**Email:** [enquiry@edhcc.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@edhcc.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.edhcc.ac.uk](http://www.edhcc.ac.uk) **Information:** 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 3/4 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance Day Release. Short courses: NPTC Modules, Chainsaw certification, Tree inspection, Horticultural Machinery, Safe Lifting and First Aid.



**MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE** Worlesdon, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 3PE **Contact:** Joe Paulin **Tel:** 01483 884088 **Fax:** 01483 884001  
**Email:** [jpaulin@guildford.ac.uk](mailto:jpaulin@guildford.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.guildford.ac.uk](http://www.guildford.ac.uk) **Information:** Part time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and work place visits/assessments at Merrist Wood, Crawley and the London Golf Club in Kent, Level 2 First Diploma college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line, Level 3 National Award college day release for those without qualified workplace assessors, HNC 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, plus various short courses including BTLIA Irrigation Certificate Course, throughout the year. Please contact us for up to date listings, qualifications and advice. Open evenings are held regularly at the campus.



**MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE** Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY **Contact:** Wayne Roberts **Tel:** 01995 642222/642305 **Fax:** 01995 642333 **Email:** [mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk)  
**Web:** [www.myerscough.ac.uk](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk) **Information:** Full time courses: BSc (Hons) 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: FdSc / BSc Turf Science: FEPA Short courses. NPTC Certificates of competence in the safe use of mowers and turfcare equipment. Careers mornings monthly on Saturdays.



**OAKLANDS COLLEGE** St Albans Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA **Contact:** Andrew Wight **Tel:** 01727 737080  
**Email:** [andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk) **Information:** Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. HNC in Sportsturf. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 & 3 Greenkeeping, Apprenticeship Training. Foundation degree starting in September '06. Short Courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw.



**PLUMPTON COLLEGE** Ditchling Road, Plumpton, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE **Contact:** David Blackmur **Tel:** 01273 890454 **Fax:** 01273 890071 **Email:** [enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk)  
**Web:** [www.plumpton.ac.uk](http://www.plumpton.ac.uk) **Information:** Foundation Degree in Horticulture (Sportsturf specialism) with effect from Sept 2006 start (subject to approval). National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Garden Design), First Diploma in Horticulture. Part time courses: NVQ Level 1; NVQ Level 2 in Landscaping and Sportsturf; NVQ Level 3 Landscaping and Sportsturf; NVQ Level 4. Also available are RHS Certificate and RHS Advanced; IOG National Technical and Intermediate National Diploma. Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw.



**RODBASTON COLLEGE** Rodbaston College, Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH **Contact:** John Renshaw **Tel:** 01785 712209 **Fax:** 01785 715701  
**Email:** [john.renshaw@rodbaston.ac.uk](mailto:john.renshaw@rodbaston.ac.uk) **Information:** NVQ Amenity Horticulture (Sportsturf) at Levels 1 - 4. Part-time and flexible study options. Short Courses: Pesticides, Chainsaws and safe use of equipment.



**WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE** Moreton Morrell Centre, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, Warwickshire, CV35 9BL **Contact:** Andrew Turnbull **Tel:** 01926 318285  
**Fax:** 01926 318300 **Email:** [aturnbull@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:aturnbull@warkscol.ac.uk) **Web:** [www.warkscol.ac.uk](http://www.warkscol.ac.uk) **Information:** Greenkeeping Courses: Foundation Degree Sports Turf Management (3 year part-time with the option of an HNC after two years, some distance learning units) NVQ Level 2 & 3 Day Release and Workbased Option. City and Guilds Advanced National certificate Sports Turf - A level 3 qualification, 2 year day release. BTECH First Diploma Sports Turf. Short Courses: Spraying Certificates (PA1, PA2, PA6), Chainsaw Certificate; NPTC certificates; Tractor Driving, Mowing Equipment, Turf Maintenance Equipment. All training and assessment carried out in the workplace.



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**Information:** SPORTS TURF PROGRAMMES: Foundation Degree - Sports Turf and Golf Course Management, Honours Degree - Sports Turf Science & Management, NVQ Level 2 & 3 - Sports Turf. OTHER PROGRAMMES: BSc (Hons) & FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons) & FdSc Landscape & Amenity Management, BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Business Management, BSc (Hons) International Horticulture, BSc (Hons) & FdSc Horticultural Crop Production, FdSc Landscape Construction, MSc/MA International Horticulture, MSc Horticulture (Crop Production), MSc Postharvest Technology, MSc Landscape Management, First Diploma, National Certificate, National Diploma - Horticulture, NVQ Level 2 & 3 Landscaping, NVQ Level 2 & 3 Service Engineering (Agricultural & Groundcare Machinery), C&G Service Engineering Progression Award. SHORT COURSES: NPTC Chainsaw, Health & Safety plus many more.