



# 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 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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## SCOTLAND

### ELMWOOD COLLEGE

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**Information:** Full Time National Certificate Greenkeeping; Block Release. SVQ Level II and III Block Release and Workbased options available. SVQ IV ILM Management, HNC & HND Golf Course Management available as Full time and Online Distance Learning. Golf Course Environmental Studies, Construction and Design Management Online Learning Courses. HNC & HND Golf Facility Management. PDA for Football, Cricket Management. SVQ Level II & III Landbased Service Engineers and Golf Course Mechanics Course. BTLIA Irrigation Management Block Course Various times throughout the year. FEPA and COSHH Health & Safety Courses Available. Chainsaw, tree climbing and Rescue Techniques.

### LANGSIDE COLLEGE

Rutherglen Campus,  
Buchanan Drive,  
Rutherglen,  
Glasgow, G73 3PF



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**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.

### GOSTA TRAINING LTD

50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB

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**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.

### OATRIDGE COLLEGE

Ecclesmachan, By Broxburn,  
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**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.

WALES

**PENCOED**

Pencoed, Bridgend, Cardiff, CF35 5LG



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**Information:** Courses offered at Pencoed include N.V.Q. Levels 2 & 3 Sports turf, National and Advanced National Certificates, NPTC and Lantra short courses and certification in a range of land based areas including Pesticide Application; PA1, PA2 and PA6. Tractor driving, hedge laying and dry stonewalling etc.

ENGLAND

**ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE**

Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR



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**Information:** First Diploma and National Diploma in Horticulture. Foundation & Extended Foundation Degrees in Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Management or Arboriculture. All available full or part-time. Block release courses: NVQ Levels 2 & 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

**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](http://www.the-gtc.co.uk)

**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 6QR



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**Information:** Located in the heart of the Thames Valley, BCA has excellent resources for horticultural based training. Programmes include the First Diploma, National Certificate and National Diploma in Horticulture, plus Higher National Certificate and Foundation Degree programmes. Part-time programmes include the NVQ Level 2 and 3 Amenity Horticulture, Sports Turf. A wide transport network is provided as well as residential accommodation on-site.

**SPORTS TURF  
Courses**



Picture shows Sports Turf Students on a visit to the Brit Oval - home to the Surrey County Cricket Club

**Embrace a career in the sports turf industry!  
Enhance your current employment status!  
Gain qualifications whilst working!**

**City and Guilds & NPTC Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture  
Turf Care Option**  
 Also available  
**Apprenticeship Sports Turf Option**

With the Olympic Games coming to London in 2012, well trained and highly skilled staff to manage sports turf and golf courses has become significantly greater in the past few years. Our nationally recognised course provides the practical and professional training necessary for those wishing to find work in this industry or, if they are already working in the sector would like a career progression through enhanced qualifications.

We are currently recruiting students for our one year part time course starting in September 2008.

**Capel Manor College**

**GUNNERSBURY PARK CENTRE**

Popes Lane, Acton W3 8LQ

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 or our Student Registry on **08456 122 122**  
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**BRIDGWATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON  
CENTRE FOR LAND-BASED STUDIES**

Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS



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**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.

**HADLOW COLLEGE**

Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL



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**Information:** NVQ's, Apprenticeships and Work Based Learning courses available in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf), Amenity Horticulture (Landscape) and Production Horticulture. We also offer a range of short courses for example, Health and Safety, COSHH, Chainsaw use, Welding and Pesticide Applications. Additionally, full and part-time courses at different levels in Horticulture and a variety of other land-based subjects are available.

## ENGLAND

### MERRIST WOOD CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE

Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE.

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**Information:** Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, New Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf on-line distance learning, 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, Foundation Degree in Sports Turf Science (subject to validation) plus various NPTC short courses including Irrigation Certificate Course, Turf Maintenance Equipment and Operation of Mowers throughout the year. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice. Open evenings are held regularly at the Campus.



### PLUMPTON COLLEGE

Ditchling Road, Plumpton,  
Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3AE

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Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE).



**Information:** Foundation degree in Horticulture and Garden Design, National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture, National Award (Garden Design), First Diploma in Horticulture.

**Part time courses:** NVQ Level 1. NVQ Level 2 in Landscaping, Decorative and Sportsturf, NVQ Level 3: Sportsturf. NVQ level 4. Also RHS Certificate and RHS Advanced; IOG National Technical and Intermediate National Diploma. Short courses available: FEPA spraying and chainsaw. Bespoke training following training needs analysis, (TNA).

### MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY

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**Information:** Myerscough College is a leading centre for Sportsturf education and training in Europe and has excellent facilities supported by industry. These include a golf course, winter games pitches, an artificial grass pitch, and extensive library, workshop and laboratory resources. Specialist machinery and equipment is used throughout the curriculum to support the development of student learning and understanding of the practical, technical and scientific aspects of their chosen course and career. Courses are available for all levels from National Certificate to an Honours Degree in Turfgrass Science. Courses are available for full-time attendance, part-time or on Online basis. Our FdSc Sportsturf and BSc Turfgrass Science courses are uniquely available ONLINE and have students enrolled throughout the UK, Europe and the American continent. Our Work based Training group offer NVQ's in the workplace from levels 2-4.

### REASEHEATH COLLEGE

Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF

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**Information:** Foundation Degree and Higher National Certificate in Golf and Sports Turf Management; National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf; NVQ levels 2 & 3 in Sports Turf; Apprenticeships; NPTC Qualifications.

On-site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, football and rugby pitches, Crewe Alexandra training grounds

### OAKLANDS COLLEGE

St Albans Smallford Campus,  
Hatfield Road, St Albans,  
Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA

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**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. Short NPTC Courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw.

### WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE

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**Information:** Greenkeeping courses include: Foundation Degree Sports Turf Management (2 yrs full-time, 3 yrs part-time), NVQ Level 2 & 3 day release and work-based options, NPTC level 2 National Certificate Sports & Amenity Turf Management (1 yr full-time, 2 years part-time). A full list of horticulture, landscape design, arboriculture and floristry courses available at all levels. Short Courses include: Chainsaw Operation and Maintenance, Pesticide Application, Fences/Wooden Structures, Landscape Design, Tractor Driving, Hedgelaying and more. Warwickshire College also offer a range of land-based courses, areas include: Animal Welfare, Equine and Agriculture.

## INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE: BECOME A MEMBER OF BIGGA

Visit the BIGGA website at [www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk) and select "Join" from the menu or contact the Membership team on 01347 833800 option 1.

BIGGA Membership is about maximising resources for the benefit of members and ensuring that Golf Clubs recognise the importance and benefits of education within the profession.

### WRITTLE COLLEGE

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**Information:** BSc (Hons) Horticulture, FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons) Green Space Management FdSc Green Space Management, BSc (Hons) Social and Therapeutic Horticulture FdSc Social and Therapeutic Horticulture, FdSc Professional Floristry Professional Floristry Top-up Year to BSc (Hons) Certificate of Continuing Education Horticulture Higher Certificate in Horticulture