



# 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, level III, level IV. 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 & 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,  
 West Lothian, EH52 6NH



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Email: info@oatridge.ac.uk

Web: www.oatridge.ac.uk

**Information:** Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping: SVQ Level II and GTC Manual (Day and Block Release) SVQ Level 3 Sports Turf (Day Release) And Fast Track options. Svq Level III in Service engineering, full range of amenity Horticulture, Landscaping and other Landbased subjects at HND And HNC and National Certificate and SVQ Levels: Short Courses NPTC/Lantra Short courses in Spraying, Chainsaw, Turf Maintenance Equipment, ATV etc.

## 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.

## 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)

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## ENGLAND

## ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR

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Web: [www.askham-bryan.ac.uk](http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk)



**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.

## 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.

BRIDGWATER COLLEGE CANNINGTON  
CENTRE FOR LAND-BASED STUDIES

Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 2LS

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**Information:** NVQ 2 & 3 apprentice scheme, NVQ 2 & 3 programme-led (new 2009) certificate of higher education in Sports Turf Management, BTEC in Golf Studies (new 2009). FEPA training, Chainsaw certification, Greenkeepers Mechanics training.

Note the certificate of higher education and the foundation degree are available as part time options.

## DUCHY COLLEGE

Cornwall's College of the Countryside

Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PB

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**Information:** Duchy College offers NVQ 1, 2 & 3 in Amenity Horticulture (inc Sports Turf), HNC Horticulture, NC and ANC Horticulture, RHS Level 2 and Advanced Certificate, BSc (Hons) Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are also available



## ENGLAND

### HADLOW COLLEGE

Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL

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**Information:** NVQs (Levels 2 and 3), Apprenticeships and work-based learning courses available in Greenkeeping, Landscaping and Groundsmanship. We also offer a range of short courses, for example, Health & Safety, COSHH, Chainsaw use, Welding 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 CAMPUS OF GUILDFORD COLLEGE

Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE.

Contact: Information, Guidance and Admissions on 01483 884040, email: mwinfo@guildford.ac.uk.

Website: www.guildford.ac.uk.



**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, Foundation Degree and BSc (Hons) in Horticulture (Sports Turf), 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.

### MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE

Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY

Contact: Stewart Brown

Tel: 01995 642305 Web: www.myerscough.ac.uk



**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 Introductory Diploma 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.

### OAKLANDS COLLEGE

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

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#### Information

Full time courses: National Certificate in Sports Turf Management and Horticulture.  
Part Time courses: NVQ L2/3 in Greenkeeping, Lantra work based Apprenticeship.  
Short courses: NPTC PA1/2/6 and Chainsaw CS30.1 and CS30.2

### PLUMPTON COLLEGE

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

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Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk  
Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE).



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

### REASEHEATH COLLEGE

Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF

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Tel: 01270 613236 Fax: 01270 625665

Email: enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk Web: www.reaseheath.ac.uk



**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. NVQ4

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

### RODBASTEN COLLEGE

Penkridge, Staffordshire, ST19 5 PH

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**Information:** Rodbaston 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 Rodbaston 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.

### WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE

Moreton Morrell Centre,  
Warwick CV35 9BL

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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.