

# Greenkeeper Training



A guide to the range of training provided throughout the UK

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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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### ELMWOOD COLLEGE

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Full-time and Part-time National Certificate Greenkeeping. Block release/fast track and workbased learning options for SVQ Level 2 and Level 3. ILM Level 3 & 4 Management. HNC and HND Golf Course Management available both online/ distance learning and full-time/ part-time options. HNC/HND Golf Facility Management. Sportsturf Courses available. SVQ Level 2 & 3 in Landbased Service Engineering and Golf Course Mechanics Courses. Abrasive Wheel, BTLIA/NPTC Irrigation Course, Chainsaw, Tree Climbing and Rescue Techniques, Spraying and Noroso Certification/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)

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50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB



Contact: Chris Bothwell  
Tel: 0141 556 3999 Fax: 0141 556 4999  
Email: [learn gostatraining.co.uk](mailto:learn gostatraining.co.uk)

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



Contact: Steve Miller  
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Email: [smiller@oatridge.ac.uk](mailto:smiller@oatridge.ac.uk) Web: [www.oatridge.ac.uk](http://www.oatridge.ac.uk)

Full-time National Certificate in Greenkeeping; SVQ Level 2 Sportsturf (Day Release); SVQ Level 3 Sportsturf (Day Release and Fast Track); NC's HNCs, SVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Horticulture, Landscaping and other land based subjects; NPTC/LANTRA short courses in Pesticides Spraying, Chainsaws, Turf Maintenance Equipment, ATVs etc; Other specific short courses on demand.

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 Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR  
 Contact: Central admissions Tel: 01904 772211  
 Email: [enquiries@askham-bryan.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@askham-bryan.ac.uk)  
 Web: [www.askham-bryan.ac.uk](http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk)

Extended Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture.  
 Foundation & Extended Foundation Degrees in Sports  
 Surface Management, Horticulture, Landscape and Garden  
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*Block release courses:* WBL Diploma Levels 2 & 3 Greenkeeping  
 WBL Diploma Levels 2 & 3 Groundsman Sportsturf Maintenance.  
*Short courses:* FEPA spraying, irrigation, chainsaw and  
 brushcutter courses.

**HADLOW COLLEGE**  
 Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL

Tel: 0500 551434  
 E-mail: [enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk)  
 Website: [www.hadlow.ac.uk](http://www.hadlow.ac.uk)

City & Guilds work-based qualifications at Levels 2 and 3  
 in Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping for  
 apprenticeships for all ages. We also offer a range of short courses,  
 such as Health & Safety, COSHH, Chainsaw 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.




**DUCHY COLLEGE**

Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall,  
 PL17 8PB  
 Duchy College, Rosewarne, Camborne, Cornwall,  
 TR14 0AB

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Duchy College offers Level 1, 2, & 3 Diplomas and NVQ 4 in Amenity Horticulture  
 (inc Sports Turf), Centre based L2 and L3 Diplomas in Horticulture (also  
 Sustainable Horticulture), RHS Level 2, FdSc Horticulture, BSc (Hons)  
 Horticulture. We also offer Institute of Leadership and Management courses  
 to Greenkeepers, together with workshops in Business Skills. Short legislative  
 courses in pesticides, plant machinery, vehicles, forestry and arboriculture are  
 also available.



**MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE** GUILDFORD college  
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 Website: [www.merristwood.ac.uk](http://www.merristwood.ac.uk)

Part-time courses: NVQ Level 2 Apprenticeships and Non Apprenticeships  
 Sportsturf college day release and workplace visits/assessments, National  
 Certificate Level 2 Sportsturf in conjunction with IOG / NPTC, NVQ Level 3  
 Sportsturf on-line distance learning, NVQ Level 3 Sportsturf Apprenticeships  
 day release. Also, NVQ Level 4 Sportsturf Management, plus throughout the  
 year various NPTC Certificate of Competence courses including: Automatic Turf  
 Irrigation, Turf Maintenance Equipment, Mowers, FEPA PA1, 6 & 2, Tractors,  
 Brushcutters and Strimmers. Please contact us for up-to-date qualifications and  
 advice on courses and funding. Open days are held regularly at the Campus.



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Myerscough College is a pioneering centre for Sportsturf Education and Training in Europe. Courses are available at all levels from Introductory Diploma to Honours Degrees in Turfgrass Science and Sportsturf and Golf Course Management. There are options for full-time and part-time study with our FdSc Sportsturf and BSc Turfgrass Science courses uniquely available ONLINE also and having students enrolled throughout the UK, Europe and the USA. A new "Top-Up" BSc Degree in Sportsturf and Golf Course Management is now available for those already holding FdSc or HND qualifications in Sportsturf. Our Work Based Training group offer NVQ's in the workplace from levels throughout the UK.

**REASEHEATH COLLEGE**  
 Mantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF  
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 or Chard Spicer  
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Part time, block release courses include level 2, level 3 Certificate and Diploma in work based Horticulture (Sports Turf-Green keeper). NVQ level 4 Sports turf (Distance Learning). Our work based learning group offer apprenticeships in the work place. BTEC First Diploma in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture/Sports Turf option, BTEC National Diploma in Sports Performance and Facilities Management endorsed by Premier League, Football league.  
 Short Courses include Pesticide application (PA1/PA2/PA6) Chainsaw operation, Safe use of mowers. Bespoke courses and overseas programs available on request. On site facilities include a commercially operating golf course, rugby, football pitches and Crewe Alexandra training grounds.

**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**  
 St Albans Smallford Campus,  
 Hatfield Road, St Albans,  
 Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA  
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 Tel: 01727 737735  
 Email: andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk  
 Web: www.oaklands.ac.uk



Full time courses: City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma options in Greenkeeping/Sports turf and Horticulture.  
 Work Based learning- Level 2 and 3 Diploma in Greenkeeping and Apprenticeship routes.

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE**  
 Penkridge, Staffordshire ST19 5PH  
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 Fax: 01785 715701  
 Email: keith.ellis@southstaffs.ac.uk  
 Web:www.southstaffs.ac.uk



South Staffordshire 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 South Staffordshire 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.

**PLUMPTON COLLEGE**  
 Ditchling Road, Plumpton, NR Lewes,  
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 Fax: 01273 890071  
 Email: enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk  
 Web: www.plumpton.ac.uk

Foundation Degree: Garden Design. Levels 2 and 3, Diploma in Horticulture. Part time courses: Work based Diploma: Level 1 and Level 2: Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping and Horticulture. Level 3: Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship and Landscaping and Horticulture. Parks, Gardens and Greenspace. Also RHS Level 2. Short courses available. FEPA Spraying and Chainsaw. Bespoke Training, following Training Needs Analysis (TNA).

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Contact: Registry  
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NVQ and Advanced Apprenticeships in Amenity Horticulture (Sports Turf). ND Sport – Golf Academy. Short-courses accredited by NPTC , LANTRA Or NVQ in chainsaw operation, pesticides, tree felling and clearing, arboriculture and machinery maintenance.

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