



# Greenkeeper Training



**A guide to the range of training provided throughout the UK**

**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.

There are now a number of GTC Quality Assured Centres and Training Providers identified by the GTC Quality Assured logo



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## SCOTLAND


## ENGLAND





**Cupar, Fife, KY15 4JB**  
**Contact: Michael.clark@sruc.ac.uk**

Full-time National Certificate Greenkeeping, Block Release/Fast Track and Work-based Learning options for SVQ Levels 2 & 3 Sports Turf. SVQ Level 4 & 5 Management (online learning). HNC/D Golf Course Management (full time and distance learning), HNC/D Golf Facility Management (full time). Short course in Chainsaw, Tree Climbing and Rescue Techniques, Plant Operations, Pesticide Spraying and Noroso Certification/Courses



**Askham Bryan, York, North Yorkshire, YO23 3FR**  
**Contact: Central admissions 01904 772211 enquiries@askham-bryan.ac.uk www.askham-bryan.ac.uk**

Extended Diploma and Subsidiary Diploma in Horticulture. Foundation & Extended Foundation Degrees in Sports Surface Management, Horticulture, Landscape and Garden Management or Arboriculture. All available full or part-time.  
*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.




**50 Brook Street, Glasgow, G40 2AB**  
**Contact: Lesley Lowrie 0141-556-3999**  
**Fax: 0141-556-4999 learn@gostatraining.co.uk**

SVQ Level 2 and 3 and Modern Apprenticeship in Greenkeeping/Sportsturf and Landscape. Attendance Day release or Distance Learning. SVQ Level 4 Management is available with flexible learning options. Lantra and NPTC Industry related short courses with certification include Pesticide courses, Chainsaw, full range of Machinery training, First Aid and many more. Candidates may use their Individual Learning Account to fund many of the courses. Training courses are available in Glasgow and Edinburgh areas throughout the year.



**GTC QUALITY ASSURED CENTRES AND TRAINING PROVIDERS**

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## ENGLAND



**Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PB**  
**Rosewarne, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 0AB**  
**Contact: Liz Clarkson 01579 372345/07785105087**  
**liz.clarkson@duchy.ac.uk www.duchy.ac.uk**

A range of courses delivered throughout the South West: Levels 2 and 3 Workbased Diplomas and Apprenticeships in Horticulture including Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship. NVQ 4 Amenity Horticulture (Management). Level 2 and 3 Diplomas in Horticulture (including Sustainable Horticulture) FdSc and BSc (Hons) Horticulture. HND/HNC in Garden and Landscape Design. RHS Level 1, 2 and Advanced Certificate. Also short courses in pesticides, plant machinery vehicles, and chainsaws. Distance learning available via e-portfolios.



**OAKLANDS COLLEGE**

**Smallford Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL4 0JA**  
**Contact: Andrew Wight 01277 737735**  
**andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk**  
**www.oaklands.ac.uk**

Oaklands College offers on demand, on-line learning in City and Guilds levels 2 (Craft), 3 (Supervisory) and 4 (Management) Greenkeeping, Sports Turf Management and Horticulture throughout the South East. In addition we provide on-demand workbased apprenticeships at Levels 2 and 3. Full time courses on offer include Level 2 in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management and Horticulture Entry L3 to Level 3. We also offer short courses for PA1, 2 and 6.



### HADLOW COLLEGE

**Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL**  
**Contact: Mike Dodd**  
**01732 853163**  
**mike.dodd@hadlow.ac.uk**  
**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.



**Plumpton College**

**Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Nr Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE. 01273 890454 www.plumpton.ac.uk**

Diploma in Horticulture, Levels 2 and 3. Part time courses: Work based Diploma: Level 2: Greenkeeping. Groundsmanship, Landscaping and Horticulture. Level 3: Greenkeeping, Groundsmanship, Landscaping and Horticulture. Apprenticeships offered at Levels 2 and 3. Level 4 : Horticulture. RHS Levels 2 and 3, both Theory and practical. Short courses available, including FEPA Spraying and Chainsaw. Bespoke Training, e.g: Manual handling. Mower use and Maintenance. Risk Assessment. Strimmers and Hedgetrimmers.



**Merrist Wood**  
College

**Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE www.merristwood.ac.uk**  
**Contact: Philip Mayes 07896 67 47 89 pmayes@guildford.ac.uk**  
**or Andrew McEvoy 07896 67 47 86 amcevoy@guildford.ac.uk**

Part-time courses: New Sports Turf Management NVQ Level 4 - on-line distance learning course, Sports Turf Diploma Level 3 - on-line distance learning, Sports Turf Apprenticeship Diploma Level 3, Greenkeeping Apprenticeship Diploma Level 2, Groundsmanship Apprenticeship Diploma Level 2, Automatic Turf Irrigation Systems NPTC Certificate, NPTC courses including Safe Use and Operation of Mowers, Tractor Driving, Hedge Trimmers, FEPA Spraying and others. Please contact us for up-to-date listings, qualifications and advice on courses and funding. Open evenings are held regularly at the College.

**REASEHEATH**

**Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF**  
**Contact: Gareth Phillips 01270 613236**  
**enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk**  
**www.reaseheath.ac.uk**

Block release industry tailored courses include Level 2 and 3 Work Based Diploma in Horticulture / Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship. Also: NVQ Level 4 Sports Turf (distance learning) and apprenticeships plus full-time Level 2 / Level 3 Diplomas in Horticulture. Short courses include pesticide application, chainsaw operation, safe use of mowers. Bespoke courses and overseas programmes available on request. Campus facilities include a commercial golf course, rugby and football pitches.



**Myerscough**  
College  
Providing opportunities for all

**Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY**  
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**www.myerscough.ac.uk Email: enquiries@myerscough.ac.uk**

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 Sportsturf Science and Management. There are options for full-time and part-time study with our FdSc Sportsturf and BSc Sportsturf 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 Science and Management is now available for those already holding FdSc or HND qualifications in Sportsturf. Our Work Based learning team offers apprenticeship opportunities throughout the UK.



**Warwickshire**  
College

**Sports Turf**  
**Apprenticeship**

**Study at: Pershore or Moreton Morrell Centre, one day fortnightly.**

**Qualification:** Intermediate/Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture, specialising in Sports Turf.

The apprenticeships in Sports Turf Management have routes in groundsman and groundkeeper. Apprenticeships are a great way for students to earn and learn and fantastic for employers to have trained and skilled staff. Short courses also available at both sites, covering PA1, PA2, PA6, Chainsaw, P & D, First Aid, Landscape design and many more.

Ask about training delivered on-site and bespoke courses for employers.

**Contact: Helen Dickson**  
**Call Pershore: 01386 551185 / Moreton Morrell: 01926 318307**  
**Mobile: 07864 933651. Email: hdickson@warkscol.ac.uk**



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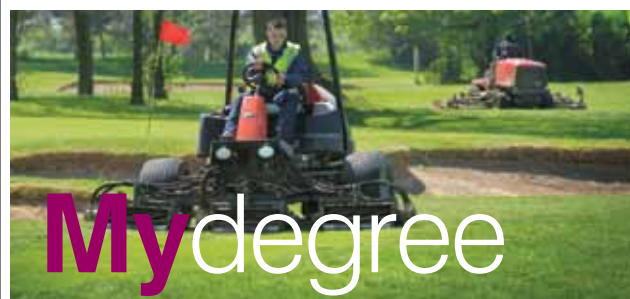
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Your training provider could appear here, as an advert or listing, in our next edition of Greenkeeper Training

Get in touch with our Sales team on 01347 833800 to find out more



## Full-time and online study

Myerscough College invites applications for our popular range of Degree courses starting in September 2013.

**Foundation Degree in Sportsturf**

**BSc (Hons) Sportsturf Science and Management**

**BSc (Hons) Sportsturf Science and Management – top-up programme for students with an HND or Foundation Degree**

**R&A Bursaries available to many students**



Myerscough College's Degree programmes are validated by the University of Central Lancashire

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