

# The B.E.S.T. in Horticulture Group

(Bespoke Education and Specialist Training)

*A "One Stop Shop" for all your horticultural education and training needs*

Love plants and want to learn more about them?

Like gardening and want to know how to do it well?

Want to change career?

Need help to progress in your current role?

Need some training or a Certificate of Competence?

Come and learn with us at one of our approved centres.

*We provide expert led, flexible accredited horticulture training, a blend of practical skills and academic excellence*

2026 - 2027





# About US

The B.E.S.T. In Horticulture Group is an organisation consisting of two companies which focus on delivering high quality bespoke education and specialist training.

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## B.E.S.T. in Horticulture

*Delivering fully-supported distance and blended courses in horticulture*



## B.E.S.T. in Horticulture Education

*Delivering the best in horticultural education and learning*

**A not for profit Organisation**

**We provide impartial advice and guidance and depending on your needs we can:**

- give you the knowledge you need to garden well***
- prepare you for a career in horticulture***
- help you to progress in your career***
- give you the best possible preparation to achieve your chosen qualifications***



# We are here to provide you with impartial advice and guidance

We like to discuss your requirements before you enrol, so please contact us before you purchase one of our courses.

We will provide you with advice and guidance, this is to ensure that you only enrol on a course that is suitable for you, and will meet your stated needs.

You enrol with us on the most appropriate course and study option. That might be face to face learning, blended learning, distance e - learning or distance correspondence learning.

We provide you with full colour up to date course materials and where appropriate revision booklets and practice examination style questions. E-copy or paper, depending on your preference.

Our highly experienced tutors fully support you during your course, and if you are taking any examinations or assessments, we help you to thoroughly prepare you, so you are ready to achieve!

On completion of some courses you can request a Certificate of Completion. If you are studying a course which is based on an examination or an external assessment you will receive a certificate from the appropriate awarding body when you complete the course.



# Our Approved RHS Centres



The B.E.S.T group operates RHS centres at:

- Ryton Gardens, Warwickshire
- Bampton, Oxfordshire
- and North Moreton, Oxfordshire.



All our centres have been approved by Royal Horticultural Society Qualifications after undergoing a rigorous quality assurance process.

## Quality of Provision

*We are delighted to report that since each centre began teaching, our quality assurance visits have resulted in a "Performance Grade 1" on each, and every occasion.*



## Without obligation we are here to help you

**Love plants, want to learn more about them ?**

*Talk to us about our short courses, masterclasses, B.E.S.T. Bytes and possibly the RHS theory and practical courses, and the RBGE practical course.*

**Like gardening, want to know how to do it well ?**

*Talk to us about our short courses, masterclasses, the RHS Level 2 theory and practical courses, and our City & Guilds courses.*

**Want to change career ?**

*Talk to us about your aspirations. The well-respected RHS qualifications at Level 2 are the starting point for professional gardeners. In addition Certificates of Competence for some essential pieces of equipment can enhance your employment opportunities.*

**Need help to progress in your current role ?**

*Talk to us about how we can help you to achieve the RHS qualifications at Levels 2 and 3, or City & Guilds qualifications can assist in career progression. Certificates of Competence will enable you to carry out a wider range of tasks and assist with career progression.*

**Need some training or a Certificate of Competence?**

*Talk to us about our specialist training for professionals. We offer an extensive range of City & Guilds NPTC Certificates of Competence qualifications. In addition we offer supervision and management training as well as a bespoke provision tailored to your specific requirements.*

**Contact us to learn more about what we offer:**

**Phone our Course Administrator -**

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# Our RHS Level 2 Practical Course

*This is aimed at people who like gardening and want to do it well, career changers or people who want to progress in their current role. Anyone who has a keen interest in plants and gardening can attend an RHS course or study for an RHS Qualification.*

**You can do this at the same time you study the RHS Level 2 Theory Course.**



## RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Horticulture Practice

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - It has been designed to equip learners with a breadth of horticultural knowledge and skills required to carry out routine tasks proficiently in a variety of contexts.

**WHAT IS COVERED ?** - The units are: 1. Plant Identification 2. Plant establishment 3. Plant propagation 4. Plant health 5. Plant care 6. Plant pruning 7. Garden features 8. Grassed areas.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - When you have successfully completed all the constituent parts of the qualification we will apply to The Royal Horticultural Society for your certificate, which will be titled The RHS Level 2 Certificate in Horticultural Practice.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Contact us first*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - This course/qualification can be taken on its own, or if you combine this with the RHS Level 2 theory certificate, The RHS will award you with an RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Go out to work with a highly regarded qualification, or progress to a Level 3 course/qualification.



**We offer learners two study options: Study face to face at one of our centres, or by blended learning.**

**Contact our Course Administrator on (desk) 01557 520205, (mobile) - 07498 918588 to discuss what course and study option is right for you.**

## Our RHS Level 2 Theory Course

*This is aimed at people who like gardening and want to do it well, career changers or people who want to progress in their current role. Anyone who has a keen interest in plants and gardening can attend an RHS course or study for an RHS Qualification.*

**You can do this at the same time you as the RHS Level 2 Practical Course, or afterwards.**



### RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth and Development

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - It has been designed to provide knowledge of science and horticultural practices deemed essential by the industries.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - Unit One -1. Plant science 2. Plant health 3. Plant nutrition 4. Plant specification - Unit Two - 1. Plant science 2. Planting styles 3. Horticulture and society 4. Biodiversity.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - National examinations are held twice a year in February and June and if you take the examinations and pass you will get an RHS Level 2 Certificate in Horticultural Principles at Pass (50-64%), Merit (65-75%) or Distinction (75%).

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Contact us first*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - This course/qualification can be taken on its own, or with the RHS Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture Practice, the RHS will award you with an RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - go out to work with a highly regarded qualification, or progress to a Level 3 course/qualification.



**We offer learners three study options: Study face to face at one of our centres, by distance E-learning or distance correspondence learning.**

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# Our RHS Level 3 Practical Course

Level 3 is aimed at people who have already completed a Level 2 qualification, want to change career or progress in their current role. Anyone who has a keen interest in plants and gardening can attend an RHS course or study for an RHS Qualification.

**We recommend that this course is taken on its own, then followed by the RHS L3 Theory.**

## RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - It has been designed to equip learners with a the knowledge to be able to maintain gardens and managed landscapes to a high standard.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - 1. Plant knowledge 2. Creating planted areas 3. Maintaining planted areas 4. Plant health 5. Productive growing 6. Protected growing 7. Ecological and sustainable plantings 8. Landscaping materials.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - When you have successfully completed all the constituent parts of the qualification we will apply to The Royal Horticultural Society for your certificate, which will be titled The RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Contact us first.*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - This course/qualification can be taken on its own, or with the RHS Level 3 Certificate in Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation and an RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation, The RHS will award you with an RHS Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Go out to work with a highly regarded qualification, or progress to an RHS MHort or other degree level horticultural qualification.



We offer learners two study options: Study face to face at one of our centres, or by blended learning.

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## Our RHS Level 3 Theory Course

This course is aimed at people who have already completed a Level 2 qualification, want to change career or progress in their current role. Anyone who has a keen interest in plants and gardening can attend an RHS course or study for an RHS Qualification.

### RHS Level 3 Certificate in Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - It is quite different from the previous version. It has been designed to provide knowledge and skills to be able to manage gardens and landscapes.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - Unit One -1. Horticultural heritage 2. Plant knowledge 3. Plant selection and cultivation 4. Plant propagation - Unit Two - 1. Garden styles and specialist areas 2. Productive growing 3. gardens management 4. Gardens, people and spaces

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - National examinations are held twice a year in February and June and if you take the examinations and pass you will get an RHS Level 3 Certificate in Plant Growth, Garden Planning and Applied Propagation at Pass (50-64%), Merit (65-75%) or Distinction (75%)

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Contact us first.*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - This course/qualification can be taken on its own, or with the RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture and an RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation, The RHS will award you with an RHS L3 Diploma in Horticulture.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Go out to work with a highly regarded qualification, or progress to an RHS MHort or other degree level horticultural qualification.

We offer learners three study options: Study face to face at one of our centres, by distance E-learning or distance correspondence learning.

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# Our RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation Course

*This course is aimed at people who have already completed both RHS L3 qualifications, and want to progress in their current role, perhaps to a supervisory position.*

**We recommend this course is taken only after completion of the RHS L3 theory and practical courses but there is nothing stopping you taking it earlier if you wish.**

## RHS Level 3 Award

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - This qualification provides learners with the opportunity to thoroughly investigate areas of personal or professional interest, and apply your knowledge and skills in preparation of final written project 4,000 - 4,500 words.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - 1. Initial project proposal, 2. Investigation and research. 3. Project skills. 4 Content and presentation

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - When you have successfully completed all the constituent parts of the qualification we will apply to the Royal Horticultural Society for your certificate, which will be titled The RHS Level 3 Award in Horticultural Investigation.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Contact us first.*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - This course/qualification can be taken on its own, or after completion of the RHS Level 3 Practical Certificate in Horticulture and /or the RHS Level 3 Certificate in Garden and Designed Landscape Management, on successful completion of all three the RHS will award you with an RHS L3 Diploma in Horticulture.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Go out to work with a highly regarded qualification, or progress to an RHS MHort or other degree level horticultural qualification.



**We offer learners only One option: Blended learning with some attendance at our Ryton centre.**

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# Our Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh - Certificate in Practical Horticulture

The RBGE Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture (CPH) is for anyone who wants to acquire the fundamental practical skills of a horticulturist without the levels of assessment involved in an RHS course studied with B.E.S.T.



**For your time in the classes you will be “doing stuff” and will be getting “dirty hands!”**

## RBGE Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - The CPH programme is spread out over a year from September – June .

**WHAT IS COVERED? -**

CPH-01 Looking at Plants, CPH-02 Soil Care, CPH-03 Feeding & Watering, CPH-04 Seed Propagation, CPH-05 Vegetative Propagation CPH-06 Growing Media & Potting, CPH-07 Planting , CPH-08 Pruning & Training

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - Successful candidates will be awarded the ‘Certificate in Practical Horticulture’ by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, which will be graded as follows: Pass: 60%, Merit: 75%, Distinction: 85%

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS? -** *Enroll Online*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - *There are eight days of practical work, a recap/rehearsal day and a practical assessment day with your course tutor. There are also some worksheets to complete during the course (on line or on paper) to confirm your understanding.*

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE? -** An RHS course



We offer learners only **One** option: Face to face learning at our Ryton and North Moreton centres.

Contact our Course Administrator on (desk) 01557 520205, (mobile) - 07498 918588 to discuss if this study option is right for you.

# B.E.S.T. Plant Propagation

*This course is aimed at anybody who has an interest in plant propagation.*

**This course provides learners with two options, so if they are unable to attend one of our centres they can do this course online.**



## B.E.S.T. Plant Propagation

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - You will be guided through the origins of plant propagation, the facilities, equipment and materials that are used. You will be introduced to the fascinating world of plant propagation by an industry expert.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - You will have the opportunity to learn about more than 30 methods of plant propagation and practice them in class, at home or perhaps in the workplace.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - A B.E.S.T Certificate of Completion. - Plant Propagation. This will be endorsed either face to face or distance study.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Enroll on-line*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - You will be encouraged to present your plant propagation log, which has been completed over the duration of the course. **(Note this is a prerequisite for on-line learners if they want to have a certificate of achievement).**

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Work as a plant propagator in a nursery, or perhaps work yourself in your chosen sector of the horticultural industry. You might consider going on to study an RHS qualification.

**FACE TO FACE OPTION** - Come to our Centre and study for half a day a week with us, at our purpose built facility.

**DISTANCE LEARNING OPTION** - You will be enrolled into our on-line classroom where you will immediately have access to the course materials. Each method has its own section where you will find some background material and a B.E.S.T Techniques video fully demonstrating the method. You will be able to download and complete the propagation log. In order to be eligible for certification you must either print off and send, or upload your propagation log for evaluation. **Note it must contain at least details of 20 methods of you have tried, together with images showing your results.** Further details will be found on the website.



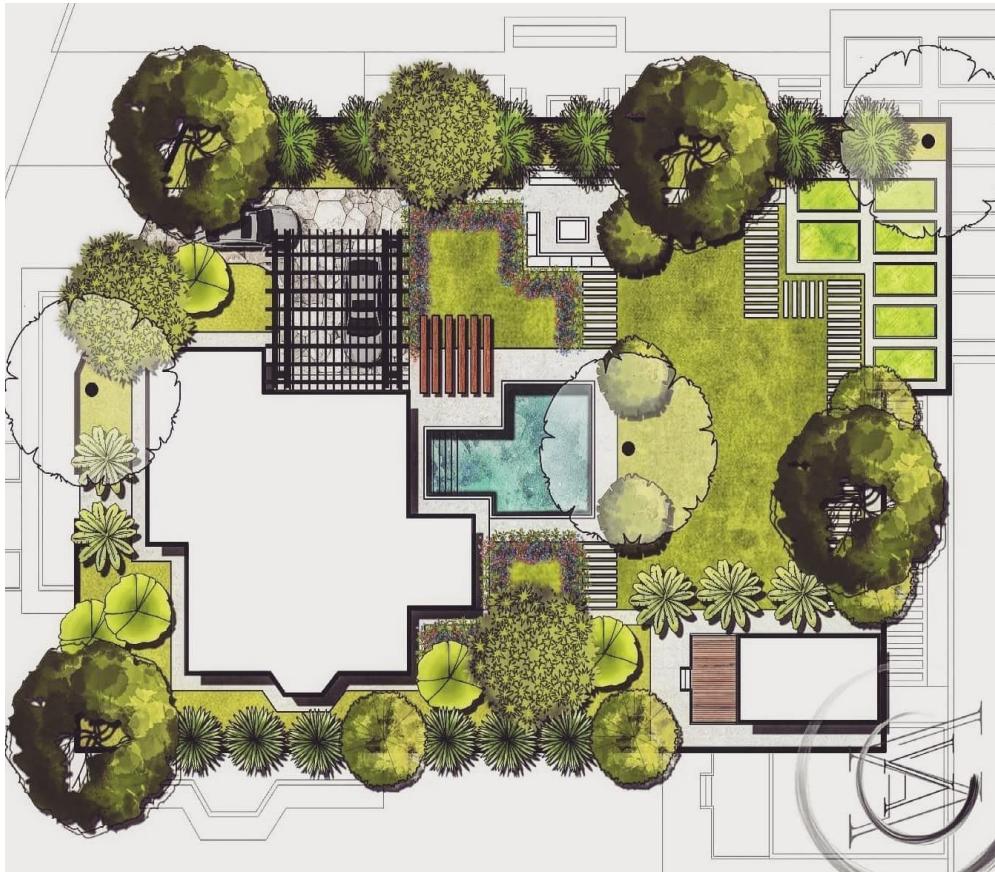
**We offer learners two options: Distance E-learning or face to face at our Ryton centre**

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## Practical Garden Design

This course uses practical units from The City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573), to provide learners with the opportunity to study garden design whilst obtaining a qualification which is well regarded in the horticulture industry.

**There are no prerequisites, it is suitable for anyone with an interest in garden design.**



**City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573)**

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - For the Certificate from the City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573) you will study five units for the certificate.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - Units: 243 Carry out a site survey in two dimensions, 244 Draw up a two-dimensional site survey, 248 Produce a basic garden design, 247 Design a garden in a historical context, 249 Produce a planting plan.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - When you complete the practical work and assessments you will receive a City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573) listing all the units undertaken.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Contact us first.*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - All drawing equipment and materials to work in class are provided; you may wish to purchase additional equipment to work at home.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - You can go on to study an RHS Level 2 theory or practical course; these both give you excellent horticultural knowledge and experience and complement this course as they do not cover garden design.

We offer learners one study option: Study face to face at our Ryton or Bampton centre.

Contact our Course Administrator on Desk) 01557 520205, (mobile) - 07498 918588 to discuss what course and study option is right for you.

# DIY Garden Design - Distance Correspondence Course

*This course, if followed correctly, will bring you up to a professional standard. Therefore it is suitable for career changers and those seeking career progression. Do It Yourself Garden Design is a supported correspondence experience that will enable you to design your own garden, or make a new career designing gardens for others.*



## DIY Garden Design

**The course consists of the following modules:**

- Producing a 'Tear Sheet'
- Clarifying the design objectives
- Carrying out a site survey
- Carrying out soil analysis and improving soil
- Producing your own design brief
- Drawing up the site survey to produce the site plan
- Formulating your ideas for a design
- Researching the hard and soft landscaping elements
- Producing your master plan (a full design)
- Producing construction drawings (optional)
- Producing planting plans
- Developing a specification (optional)
- Setting out
- The maintenance schedule (optional)

**Option 1 - With design pack**

**Option 2 - Without the design pack**

**What is the enrollment process:-** Enroll online.

All the course reading materials are supplied as **full colour** in a binder.

The design pack contains **all the necessary equipment and materials** to produce different types of garden design drawings to a high standard.



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# Our Certificate in Organic Horticulture

This programme of study has been endorsed by Garden Organic

## Introduction

This qualification offers learners the knowledge and skills to implement facets of organic horticulture. It has been carefully designed so that completion of a number of modules will enable you to plan, construct and maintain a complete organic garden. There are no formal entry requirements and it is suitable for a wide age range of learners. For example:

- anyone who wants to garden in an environmentally sustainable manner
- allotment holders wanting to grow organic fruit and vegetables sustainable
- community and school gardeners who want to promote organic horticulture
- professionals in the heritage sector

**WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?** - This Certificate covers all aspects of Organic Horticulture

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - Sustainable horticulture practices, planning an organic garden, managing soil, growing media and maintaining fertility, properties of soil and importance of soil biology, habitat provision and biodiversity, year round organic vegetable growing, vegetable growing methods, harvesting, storage and seed saving, growing annuals, biennials and herbaceous perennials sustainably, selecting, planting and maintaining trees and shrubs sustainably, selecting and maintaining lawns and wildlife friendly alternatives, prevention, identification and organic control of garden pests, diseases and disorders, prevention, identification and organic control of garden weeds

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - A Certificate in Organic Horticulture - Endorsed by Garden Organic, the UK's leading organic growing charity.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - Enroll on-line

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - This course/qualification has been endorsed by Garden Organic

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Go out to work with a qualification that is highly regarded, using organic growing methods to protect the environment and food security, and promote health and wellbeing.



## Offered by distance E-learning and correspondence options

Study at your own pace in the comfort of your own surroundings using our extensive paper based or on-line course materials consisting of the three compulsory modules and five optional modules

**To achieve full certification, you will need to:**

- **study the three core modules and five other modules (any others can be taken at NO extra charge).**
- **pass an online multiple choice test for each module**
- **provide us with a detailed portfolio of evidence documenting the successful completion of the practical elements of the qualification.**

## Certificates of Competence (COC's)

These are often needed by professionals to ensure legislative compliance or to meet insurance requirements.

Delivered at our Ryton Centre and on your site by special arrangement.

**For all our COC's we only offer City & Guilds NPTC qualifications as we believe them to be superior to those offered by other Awarding Bodies in terms of content, rigour of assessment and the quality assurance processes that underpin them.**

Whilst some CoC's are required by law e.g., *The Safe Use of Pesticides*, others are specified by industry as a minimum standard for operators to achieve e.g. Chainsaws and Related Operations. However, many are useful for the self-employed or those seeking a new career or career progression.

When seeking employment it is worth noting that employers welcome applicants who are already qualified, competent and skilled. This can be demonstrated by holding a number of relevant COC's.

Employers should remember that a qualified, competent and skilled workforce is generally safe, flexible and able to respond quickly to operational changes. Therefore, we consider training is not only essential in moving business forward it also ensures compliance with Health & Safety and insurance requirements.

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**Manual Handling**

**Land- based health and safety**

**Risk Assessment**

**Safe use of pesticides (Pa1 Foundation module)**

**Safe use of pesticides (Hand held application equipment Pa6)**

**Safe use of pesticides (Ground crop sprayer Pa2)**

**Chainsaw maintenance and crosscutting**

**Felling and processing small trees 200-380mm**

**Brushcutter/strimmer**

**Hand-held hedge trimmer**

**Multi-tool**

**Pedestrian mowers (all types)**

**Leaf blower/vacuum**

**Ride-on mowers (all types)**

**Compact tractor**

**Plant machinery specifically 360 degree excavator**

**Dumper truck**

**Abrasive wheel machines**

**Amenity shredder**

# B.E.S.T. Planning and Marketing a Horticultural Business

*This course is aimed at people who want to plan a horticultural business and market it effectively.*

**This course provides a practical solution to developing your own business plan and an effective marketing plan. Both essential if you are considering going into business yourself.**



## B.E.S.T. Planning and Marketing a Horticultural Business

**WHAT WILL I STUDY?** - You will be guided through the important aspect of a business plan, and be provided with a useful business plan template to produce a 'fit for purpose' business plan which can be presented to a prospective lender. You will then be introduced to what some describe as the 'dark arts' of marketing to help you correctly position your business in the marketplace and help it become successful.

**WHAT IS COVERED?** - 1. Writing a sound business plan, 2. A business plan template for you to complete. 3. B.E.S.T. Introduction to Marketing.

**WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?** - A B.E.S.T. Certificate of Completion.

**WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT PROCESS?** - *Enrol online*

**WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?** - You will be encouraged to present your completed business plan for a through evaluation and feedback by an industry expert.

**WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?** - Start your own business working for yourself in your chosen sector of the horticultural industry. You might consider in obtaining some City & Guilds NPTC Certificates of Competence or go on to study an RHS qualification.



We offer learners **two options: Distance E-learning or correspondence learning**

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# Up-skilling Opportunities with B.E.S.T.

*We offer a range of opportunities to meet your business or personal requirements. Our courses are designed to meet the specific needs of employers and individuals by focusing training on a particular activity, range of skills or knowledge.*



## B.E.S.T. Bytes

B.E.S.T. Bytes is a series of bite-sized courses. Each course is focused on a single topic, which allows you to gain an understanding of that subject before moving on. Some of the B.E.S.T. Bytes have related content and by working through a group you can build up a wider knowledge of more complex subjects over time.

B.E.S.T. Bytes enable you to participate in learning anywhere, using a range of devices.

They are particularly suitable if you are a working adult with limited free time, interested in developing skills and knowledge in horticulture to advance your career - or as a hobby.

On completion of each Byte you are encouraged to take a short test to confirm your understanding and if the score is 80% or more you will have the opportunity to print out a certificate which confirms your achievement.

## Bespoke Skills Training

We offer a range of bespoke skills training courses to meet business, and in some instances personal, requirements.

The majority of these courses will have been developed in conjunction with employers where a skills gap has been identified and a bespoke training solution is needed.

If you think you have a training need which cannot be met from any existing training programmes offered please contact us to discuss the development of a bespoke training provision, we would be delighted to hear from you.

## NEW B.E.S.T. Basics

B.E.S.T Basics is a range of learning modules of study **approximately 25 hours in duration**. They cover a complete topic which is delivered by distance learning with tutor support.

B.E.S.T. Basics enable you to participate in learning anywhere, using a range of devices.

They are particularly suitable if you are a working adult with limited free time, interested in developing skills and knowledge in horticulture to advance your career - or as a hobby.

On completion of B.E.S.T. Basic module of study you are encouraged to take a multiple choice test to confirm your understanding and if the score is 80% or more you can apply to the course tutor for a certificate of completion. This will list the module of study and the the content covered and can be used as evidence of continued professional development.

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## Other Courses - Short Courses and Masterclasses

We offer a range of other courses which will be of particular interest to anyone who loves plants and wants to learn more about them, or anyone who likes gardening and wants to know how to do it well. Some of the courses offered may also be of interest to career changers or anyone who wants to update or learn a new skill.

**Taster Days** - **Second Friday of January**, winter pruning of apple trees, and propagating plants from leaves. **First Friday of February**, methods of plant division, and techniques for testing the pH of soil and determining the texture. **First Friday of March**, spring lawn care, and caring for roses. **First Friday of April**, seed sowing indoors, and propagating a range of plants from softwood cuttings. **First Friday of May**, seed sowing techniques outdoors, and maintaining knives and secateurs. **First Friday of June**, caring for and propagating bearded Iris, and propagating a range of plants from semi-ripe cuttings. **First Friday of July**: potting on and potting off plants and restrictive potting, and soft tissue grafting potatoes and tomatoes. **First Friday of August**, “the right plant, right place”, and irrigation and fertilisation of plants in a changing climate. **First Friday of September**, “the bulb lasagna technique”, and autumn lawn care and maintenance. **First Friday of October**, Bulb propagation techniques, and “putting the garden to sleep”. **First day of November**, propagating a range of plants from root cuttings, and tool maintenance and storage for winter. **First day of December**, propagating plants from hardwood cuttings, sustainable Christmas wreath making.

### Other Courses

**Garden tools care and use** (Ryton and other centres on demand) - A two day course covering care, maintenance and repair of tools and the use of horticultural tools.

**Garden machinery** (Ryton and other centres on demand) - A three day course covering Rotary Mowers, Brushcutters/Trimmers and Hedgetrimmers, ideal for gardeners who don't need a COC.

**Masterclass in seasonal lawn care and turf management** (North Moreton and other centres on demand) - Three separate days (in spring, summer and autumn) covering establishment, seasonal maintenance and turf equipment with our turf expert.



For details of the full programme (**which does vary throughout the year**), the location and specific content please visit our website: [www.bestinhorticulture.co.uk](http://www.bestinhorticulture.co.uk).

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Supervisor roles in private, public and National Trust gardens, management in garden centres, supervisory roles in nursery work and grounds maintenance

With more specific training, garden design and landscaping work, horticultural therapy.

Teaching horticulture to level 2

## Pathways in horticulture - study and careers



Master of Horticulture (Mhort)  
Degree equivalent

RHS Level 3  
Diploma in  
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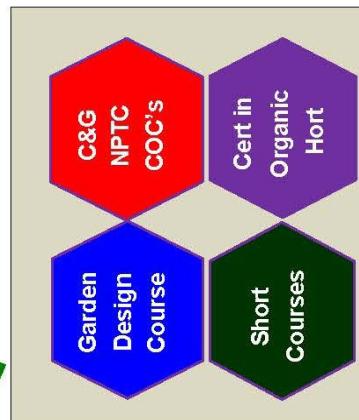
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