

Where can I get further information or advice?

If you need help in deciding the next step in your learning or career, please visit the National Careers Service website nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk or call 01629 532430.

How can I join?

Most courses are available to book through the Derbyshire County Council website or you can visit or telephone your local centre below.

What will this course cost?

We use three different bands for our course fees. The full fee for a course will be advertised as *Band A*. If you are a Derbyshire Goldcard holder, you will pay the *Band B* price for Community Learning. In most cases, we offer reduced fees for those on certain benefits at *Band C*.

How can I pay?

Payments can be made online through the web or in person at your local centre. For some courses, you may be able to pay in instalments. Please check at the time of booking.

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For further information, please call
your **local centre** or visit
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/coursesearch

The details contained in this brochure are correct at the time of going to print. However we may have to make changes, giving advance notice wherever possible.

For detailed information
about help with course
costs and other support
for learners, see

The Guide

available at
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide or enquire at
your local Centre.

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RHS Level 2 theory qualifications

The RHS has two theory qualifications at level 2 which can provide a route to employment in professional horticulture and support career development for those already working in the profession. They also provide a foundation for further learning or training in the field of horticulture for keen amateur gardeners. The Eco Centre offers these in alternate years.

There are no pre-requisites for entry to the qualifications, though learners will need to have some existing horticulture and gardening knowledge and a reasonable standard of English (a Level 2 qualification or above is recommended).

Credit Value/Study time

Both theory qualifications have a credit value of 14. This equates to approximately 140 guided learning hours (1 morning a week over 3 terms). Learners need to be aware that the RHS theory qualifications will also require a substantial amount of home study.

Assessment

Each unit will be assessed by a separate written examination. Examinations are twice a year, usually in February and June.

Learners who achieve credits for each of the 4 units which make up each qualification will be awarded the certificate.

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

This qualification will be awarded to those who gain the credits for the following four mandatory units:

Unit	Credits
Understanding garden features, plant selection and planning	5
Understanding the choice, establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawns	3
Understanding the production of outdoor vegetables and fruit	3
Understanding protected environments and their use in plant cultivation	3

RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development*

This qualification will be awarded to those who gain the credits for the following four mandatory units:

Unit	Credits
Plant classification, structure, and function	5
Plant nutrition and the root environment	3
Maintaining plant health	3
Understanding plant propagation	3

**Please note this certificate isn't being offered in 2017-18 but will be in 2018-19*

RHS Level 2 practical qualification

The Eco Centre also offers the Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture which focuses on developing essential horticultural skills.

As for the theory qualifications, there are no pre-requisites for entry to the qualifications, though learners will need to have some existing horticulture and gardening knowledge and a reasonable standard of English.

Credit Value/Study time

The Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture has a credit value of 15. This equates to approximately 150 guided learning hours (1 day a week over 3 terms, with a break over the winter months). Learners need to be aware that the practical qualification will also require a substantial amount of home study.

Assessment

Practical assessments will be carried out by the centre using RHS criteria. Some of the assessments will include providing written evidence as well as undertaking practical tasks.



RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

This qualification will be awarded to those who gain the credits for the following six mandatory units and the one optional unit:

Mandatory units	Credits
Soil testing	1
Sowing seeds and vegetative propagation techniques	2
Practical skills in ground preparation for seeding and planting	2
Practical skills in establishing seeds and plants in soil	2
Care and pruning of plants	3
Identification of a common garden plants, weeds, pests, diseases, disorders and beneficial organisms	3
Optional units	
Sustainable garden practice	2

Taking RHS courses at the Eco Centre

As the theory and practical certificates are run on different days it may be possible for learners to undertake more than one of the courses at the same time, though consideration needs to be given to the amount of home study required. An induction session before the start will help you decide if the RHS course(s) are right for you. We also offer shorter non qualification horticulture courses.

For information on current or forthcoming courses, prices and dates please contact us.