

Information, advice and guidance

Throughout your course our expert tutors will help you to think about your next steps.

We can help you access free support from a National Careers Service coach. To find out more, ask in centre, call

01629 532430 or visit **www.derbyshire.gov.uk/theguide**

We aim to help all learners achieve by offering personalised support to those who need it. We can provide financial support towards the cost of learning, travel and childcare costs, special equipment, large print, note-takers and signers, and one-to-one help.

Support provided is based on individual assessment. Please ask in centre.

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Get into Learning...

Horticulture

and landscaping skills
progression routes



Entry Level courses

ABC Countryside Skills

This introductory course promotes confidence and team working in the outdoors. You will learn good working practices for practical countryside skills and garden landscaping.



Level 1 courses

ABC Countryside Skills

This qualification will help you develop basic skills and knowledge for work in land-based industries. It will help you to move on to further training or get a first job working in gardening or conversation.

RHS Introductory Award in Practical Horticulture and RHS Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture

On these courses you will develop your gardening interest into horticultural knowledge and skills. They will prepare you to progress towards Level 2 and 3 qualifications and to work in horticulture.



Level 2 courses

RHS Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture

This qualification is made up of three certificates:

Practical Horticulture

Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development

Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance

You can also take any of these certificates individually.

These are nationally recognised qualifications to join the horticulture industry, progress to higher learning and enjoy confident gardening at home and in the community. The courses include practical skills and theoretical knowledge. You will need a good level of English to join and you will first need to attend the **Working Outdoors – Horticulture & Gardening Taster**.



You can go on to study up to degree level: RHS offers Level 3 qualifications and a Master of Horticulture Award and universities offer a range of degrees within the land-based sector.

“You can start at the level that is right for you and progress at your own pace.”

RHS Community Outreach projects

Working with RHS, we offer courses that support communities across Derbyshire to transform spaces and enjoy gardening together – for health and wellbeing, enterprise and for the love of plants!

Short courses

We offer a range of short non-qualification courses open to everyone with an interest in gardening to learn about a specific area, such as: **Organic Gardening, Garden Design, Landscaping and Growing Vegetables**.

Dawn's Story

I was made redundant after 15 years in the recruitment industry. I was left wondering ‘what next?’ I love being outdoors in nature and beautiful gardens.

In spring 2017 I attended a talk about plans for the garden at Chatsworth. Inspired, I started volunteering and just love it! I was encouraged to start the RHS Level 2 Horticulture course at Derbyshire Eco Centre.

The learning, homework and sitting an exam has been challenging but rewarding. Attending each week has been fun and I have forged friendships with wonderful people of all ages and backgrounds with a passion for growing things.

Since starting the course I have done some maintenance and planting in local domestic gardens and have rented an allotment to grow fruit and vegetables. My future plan is to establish my own gardening business.

