



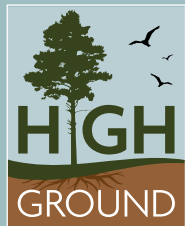
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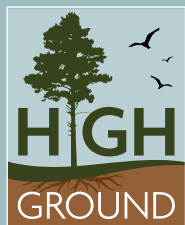
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WHY WORK IN THE HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING INDUSTRY?

You will be joining an industry where every project is unique and you're always using the latest ways of working. The industry has many, many career directions and there are always opportunities for you to advance and diversify. There's no shortage of jobs in the UK either, with the industry set to need more and more skilled people in future. Employers looking to take on apprentices of all ages are currently offered a government grant of between £3000-£4000 as an incentive to help with the cost of training new employees.





GARDENING & AMENITY HORTICULTURE

Amenity horticulturists design and create public outdoor spaces including parks and gardens.

Your role as an amenity horticulturist is to design, construct, manage and maintain living, recreational and leisure areas. These include: botanic and public gardens, country parks, historic gardens and landscapes, sports facilities as well as other public spaces.

The horticulturalist focuses mainly on plants from grass, to trees and everything in between. This is a vast subject in its own right. There are plenty of entry level jobs for you to start working with minimal experience, and if and when you choose to advance your knowledge, the most skilled horticulturalists are paid very well for their work. Horticulture has many employment levels and directions and is a hugely rewarding career for those who like to be outdoors and surrounded by nature.

TRAINING

Horticulture courses are widely available. As well as increasing your knowledge they are a great way to make contacts with other like-minded people in the industry. Here's just a taster...

RHS

www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/qualifications-and-training/rhs-qualifications/level-2

WRITTLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

writtle.ac.uk/pdfs/5/AmenityHort2005.pdf

PLUMPTON COLLEGE

www.plumpton.ac.uk/courses/horticulture-landscape-operative-apprenticeship-level-2-428/

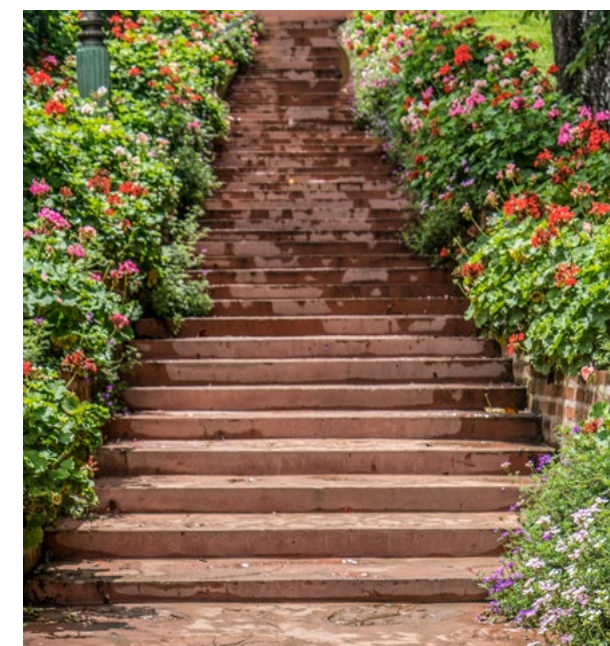
NATIONAL TRUST

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/careers-in-our-gardens



LANDSCAPING – COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC

Landscape gardeners are the creative and practical workhorses who build functional, beautiful and relaxing gardens for all kinds of clients, from local councils and universities to private companies and individual customers. Using their talent for design and passion for practical work, landscape gardeners are responsible for designing, crafting, regenerating and maintaining outside spaces. The difference between a Landscaper and a horticulturalist, is that Landscapers will focus on developing a good practical knowledge of building the hard landscaping elements of outdoor spaces – Paving, fencing, pergolas, walls, ponds etc. whilst still having a good knowledge of the fundamental requirements for growing plants; this additional knowledge is how a true landscaper differs from a builder.



TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

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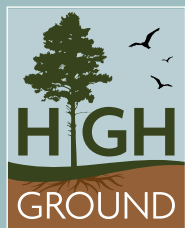
HORTICULTUREJOBS.CO.UK

www.horticulturejobs.co.uk/jobs/landscaping/

GO LANDSCAPE

www.golandscape.co.uk/career-changer/





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USEFUL READING

WEBSITES

[Horticulture Week](#)

[RHS](#)

[Society of Garden Designers](#)

[PlantNetwork](#)



BOOKS

Amenity Horticulture –
Roger Bennett
RHS Encyclopaedia of Gardening
Level 2 Principles of Horticulture
Environmental Horticulture –
Science and Management of
Green Landscapes



TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

[Landscape – The industry trade show](#)

[The Society of Garden Designers](#)

[Four Oaks](#)

[FutureScape](#)

MAGAZINES

[Professional Horticulture +
Landscape Design](#)

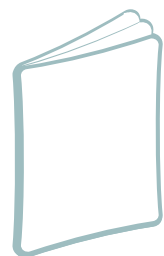
[The Landscaper](#)

[Horticulture Week](#)

[The Garden Magazine](#)

[Gardens' Illustrated
Magazine](#)

[Garden Design Journal](#)



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