



Work-based Diploma in PRODUCTION HORTICULTURE – Level 2

The Training Site – Growing Well

Growing Well is an organic crop producing, charitable business. Situated on 5 acres of Soil Association certified organic land, 4 miles from Kendal, Growing Well has 5 polytunnels, and 3 fully equipped yurts, in which training, relaxing and practical work can take place.

Growing Well in collaboration with Kendal College offers a range of horticulture courses. Students on the course are entitled to use College facilities.

Entry requirement

Candidates need to be interested in horticulture, and already possess the knowledge and skills required to carry out some basic horticultural tasks with minimum supervision. A reasonable level of literacy and numeracy is preferable.

Course details

The Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture, which has replaced the NVO, aims to provide a work-related, competence-based qualification. It reflects the skills and knowledge needed to do a job effectively, and shows that a candidate is competent in the area of work the qualification represents.

The Level 2 Diploma in Production Horticulture at Growing Well is based on how to produce vegetables and salads organically but the skill and knowledge learnt are transferable to other aspects of horticultural growing.

The course will take place at Growing Well unless otherwise arranged and includes classroom based sessions covering the underpinning knowledge and plenty of hand-on practical sessions.

Subjects that will be covered will include

- ❖ Health and Safety
- ❖ Personal development
- ❖ Seed propagation
- ❖ Vegetative propagation
- ❖ Maintaining plants – watering, weeding, feeding
- ❖ Preparing growing media
- ❖ Clearing and preparing sites for planting crops
- ❖ Setting out and establishing crops
- ❖ Monitoring the health of crops
- ❖ Identifying and controlling pests and disease

Assessment

Assessment of practical skills will take place on the training days. Additional evidence of competence is also collected by using candidate job sheets, photographs of practical work taking place. Assessment of knowledge is collected by the completion of written question sheets, and verbal questioning. There are no exams.

Duration and attendance

The course runs 1 day per week for approximately 30 weeks. Please contact us for the next start date.



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