



## HORTICULTURE – NVQ LEVEL 3 –PRODUCTION OR AMENITY

### The Training Site – Growing Well

Growing Well is an organic crop producing, charitable business. Training in Horticulture is also offered, using the extensive facilities on site and other training venues.

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 works in collaboration with Kendal College to offer training in Horticulture.

### Entry requirements

A Candidate will already be employed in the horticulture industry, and have a good level of literacy and numeracy.

The NVQ Level 3 in Amenity Horticulture and NVQ Level 3 in Production Horticulture are distinct courses, which study very different areas of the Horticulture industry. Units covered are found below.

A candidate wishing to study Production Horticulture should be working on a nursery, market garden or farm producing crops or decorative plants for sale.

A candidate wishing to study Amenity Horticulture should be working in landscape design and maintenance or the decorative horticulture industry.

At this level, candidate's will be skilled workers who can perform a wide range of routine, recurring tasks competently and efficiently, but are also able to deal with more complex, non - routine tasks. Candidates should also be able to supervise the work of others including monitoring of work and providing feedback to others on work undertaken. The work will involve the ability to make decisions, adjusting to day to day problems and may entail dealing with clients.

### Course details

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) are work-based qualifications recognised by employers throughout the country. The Level 3 course will involve attending occasional training days at Growing Well, with visits by the Trainer and Assessor to your workplace. Assessment of candidates will be mostly carried out in the workplace. **Candidates will also be expected to gather evidence from their workplace to build a portfolio for assessment. Gathering evidence from the workplace is an important part of the qualification.**

The complete qualification involves 9 Units of which some are mandatory. The following is a summary of the Units to be studied for each qualification:

#### Amenity Horticulture

- o Estimate resource requirements
- o Promote monitor and maintain Health and Safety
- o Manage yourself
- o Manage information for action
  
- o Specify and monitor landscape maintenance
- o Maintain and develop decorative horticulture areas
- o Manage planted areas for their amenity value
- o Design landscape areas
- o Monitor and control customer service problems

#### Production Horticulture

- Promote the growth and development of crops
- Promote monitor and maintain Health and Safety
- Develop Personal performance
- Receive, transmit and store information in the workplace
- Control the planting of crops
- Plan and prepare growing media
- Plan and maintain the harvesting of crops
- Plan and manage the control of pests and diseases
- Support the efficient use of resources

**A candidate may select not to complete the whole qualification and can then apply for Unit accreditation**

### Assessment

Assessment will take place in the workplace and on the training days, using continual assessment of practical work by observation of the candidate in the workplace, portfolio building, written question sheets, verbal questioning, witness statements and photographic evidence. Candidate's will be required to gather evidence from the workplace.

### Duration and Attendance

The qualification will take up to a year to complete. The training days at Growing Well to be arranged.

**Cost:** Enquiries to Debbie Greenwood

**Contact** – Debbie Greenwood on the details below: