



## Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture



### Growing Well

Growing Well is an organic vegetable growing social enterprise based on a 5 acre site at Low Sizergh Barn, 4 miles from Kendal. As a City & Guild's approved centre we offer accredited horticultural courses as well as one day leisure courses.

Our fantastic site, consisting of large growing areas, 6 polytunnels and 3 yurts which are used for training, learning and relaxing in, provides the opportunity for students to learn the practical skills required as well as the theory needed to grow successfully and achieve Horticultural qualifications.

### Course details

The Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horticulture (Production Horticulture) will provide candidates with 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 Production Horticulture.

This C&G's qualification has been developed to support individuals who are working in different aspects of horticulture to achieve a qualification. It is therefore made up of a wide range of units, each of which covers a specific task or horticulture skill. The specific units that will make up the final qualification will be decided upon at the start of the course depending upon the individual candidate's workplace experience.

### The range of units that could make up the qualification include:

Health and Safety	Estimate and programme resource requirements
Managing your own resources	Plan and implement seed propagation
Plant nutrients	Plan and implement vegetative propagation
Monitor the development of crops or plants	Plan and monitor harvesting operations
Plan and manage the control of pests and diseases	Prepare for and maintain the planting of crops
Manage site clearance and planting preparation	Plan and maintain planted areas

The theory sessions of the course will take place at Growing Well along with some hands on practical sessions too.

**Entry requirements:** Candidates need to be working or volunteering within the horticultural industry and have the opportunity to function in a supervisory role in order to produce the evidence required for the qualification. A good level of numeracy and literacy is also required and the ability and self motivation to carry out some self guided learning and research as necessary.

**Assessment:** A portfolio of evidence is built up over the length of the course which will include observations of practical tasks, photos, worksheets and completed knowledge questions. There is no exam.

**Course dates and attendance:** Please contact us for more information on next start date. One day per month attendance at Growing Well for the theory section of the course is required with the assessor also visiting the candidate in their workplace each month. Course runs over 15 months.

**Course cost:** £4300 including C&G's Registration and Certification. Students are can access a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan to fund the course. See <https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/how-to-claim>

**Contact:** Hazel Sharples on 015395 61777 or [hazel@growingwell.co.uk](mailto:hazel@growingwell.co.uk) If you are interested in the course but don't work within the Production Horticulture sector please do get in touch to discuss possible options.