

Horticulture Careers Tree

Success Stories:



One of our horticulture apprentices, Adam, who's based at Weybrook Park Golf Club in Basingstoke has been busy creating wildlife projects around the golf course that he completed his apprenticeship at. The main project Adam worked on alongside his apprenticeship was protecting the ground nesting birds (Skylarks), where he has situated a large protection area on the course and allowed them to nest safely. Adam has also started numerous other conservation projects. Adam's hard work was noticed and he has won the "Conservation Greenkeeper of the Year Award" at the Golf Environment Awards 2022



Harriet Bradnock, a KEITS horticulture apprentice, got through the first stage of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition and attended the regional final in Suffolk. She attended the regional final (1 of 7) and they had more questions to answer before competing against the other candidates, all of which had many more years experience. Harriet was the only apprentice. Harriet has now gone on to gain her apprenticeship with a distinction and is now planning a career within horticulture.

Available courses with KEITS:

- Level 2 Horticulture Landscape Operative Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Landscape Horticulture Supervisor Apprenticeship
- Level 2 Sports Turf Operative Apprenticeship
- Level 2 Golf Greenkeeping Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Advanced Sports Turf Technician

Horticulture Career Examples:

Grounds maintenance - Arborist - Garden Centre plant area worker - Forester - Golf Course Greenkeeper - Golf Course Supervisor - Golf Course Manager - Grounds person - Grounds keeper - Irrigation engineer - Grounds maintenance manager

"My KEITS apprenticeship helped me to gain the skills needed to start up my own gardening business"

Higher Education Opportunities:

- Master of Horticulture (MHort)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Horticulture
- Degree in Horticulture
- Level 4 grounds management qualifications
- Level 5 Professional Diploma in Turf Surface Management
- Foundation Degree in Sports Turf
- BSc (Hons) Sports Turf Science
- MSc Sports Surface Technology

Transferable Life Skills:

- Customer service
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Financial management
- Working safely
- Professionalism

Useful Links:

- [English Heritage](#)
- [National Trust](#)
- [Countryside Jobs](#)
- [HBG](#)
- [BIGGA](#)
- [Turf Matters](#)

"I gained so many industry skills, I feel confident to progress my career in horticulture"

Desired skills/experience for an apprenticeship

- Experience/interest in horticulture
- Communication skills
- Detailed CV/application
- Any work experience is a great start
- Any GCSE's are beneficial

Desired qualities for an apprenticeship

- Friendly & approachable
- Reliable & Trustworthy
- Willingness & enthusiasm to learn
- Polite & professional
- Devoted & passionate

