



## Winterbourne Centre for Horticulture

### **RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance**

Costs: Course Fee £565, RHS Examination Fee: £76

31 Saturdays from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Lessons take place from 1-4pm OR 1-4.45pm depending on the time of year. Lessons during winter months are shorter than lessons during summer months as detailed below. Summer lessons include a 20 minute break.

#### **Course summary**

This theory course is intended for those for those that have a general interest in horticulture or wishing to work in professional horticulture in a variety of roles.

The course provides the underpinning scientific knowledge of garden planning, selecting and establishing a range of garden plants. Also covered are the principles behind growing food crops outdoors and growing under protection: house plants, glasshouses and conservatory growing. To achieve the qualification you will sit exams in February and June or you may wish to study just for interest. The units in the qualification are designed for part-time study so it is particularly suitable for those who are working in the industry and wishing to study part-time in order to progress their careers or prepare for further study at level 3.

#### **Course content**

The qualification provides knowledge of the scientific principles which underpin horticultural practices. The qualification consists of four mandatory units which cover the following topics:

- Understanding garden features, plant selection and planning
- Understanding the choice, establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawns
- Understanding the production of outdoor vegetables and fruit
- Understanding protected environments and their use in plant cultivation

#### **Assessment**

Assessment is by written examination through four modular exams that cover the content of the units being studied.

Examinations will be sat in February and in June. To sit the examinations a registration fee of £19 per examination will be payable. Please note it is not mandatory for you to sit the examinations but only if you gain a pass in all four units will you be awarded a RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance.



## Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements needed to study the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Establishment and Maintenance. A good standard of written English is required to successfully sit the examinations.

## Progression

You could progress on to other Level 2 certificates in horticulture; for example the RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Propagation and Development or the RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture; or on to Level 3 study.

Please note completion of all 3 Certificates at Level 2 entitles you to claim a full RHS level 2 Diploma in Horticulture. Those wishing to complete this diploma will need to plan carefully as there are changes planned to the RHS Qualifications which will impact this diploma.

## Course Dates

This course will take place on 31 Saturdays from September 2021 to June 2022. We intend to run lessons on the following dates, but additional dates may become necessary should staff sickness or other unforeseeable events prevent one of these lessons from taking place.

In the event of any significant disruption (such as further coronavirus lockdowns) we will endeavour to reschedule lessons where appropriate.

**Lessons in bold run 1 – 4.45pm with a 20 minute break;** other lessons run 1-4pm without a break.

Autumn Term 2021

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>; October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>**; November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>; December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>

Spring Term 2022

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; February 5<sup>th</sup>, (examinations currently scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> Feb), 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>; March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>,**

Summer Term 2022

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>; June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, (examinations currently scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June)**