

Focus on the Future!

Career Paths

This short film will give you an insight into RHS careers:

<https://youtu.be/WCdQeZKlcXQ>

Horticulture, Gardening and countryside management



There are many job roles involved in horticulture. You may enjoy being outdoors and have an interest in plants or gardening. Roles such countryside management, tree surgery, groundsman or woman/greenkeeper, landscape gardening may all be active outdoors roles that could interest you.

Focus on horticulture:

What does a horticulturist do?

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- sowing seeds, planting bulbs and ornamental plants
- growing plants from cuttings and by grafting
- taking care of plants - watering, weeding, pruning, feeding and spraying
- mowing grass, cutting dead growth and branches, and general tidying
- laying paths and looking after ornamental features
- researching new strains of seed and plants in the lab for crop production
- picking, sorting and packaging produce to be sent to retailers
- selling plants and other products
- advising customers in a garden centre

What Qualifications do they have?

You could take a course at college. Relevant courses include:

- Level 1 Award in Horticultural Skills
- Level 2 Certificate in Gardening
- Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture

You may be able to get into this job by doing a horticulture and landscape operative intermediate apprenticeship.

You could move onto a horticulture supervisor advanced apprenticeship as you get more experience.

You could do a training course through a professional body like [The Royal Horticultural Society](#). Their courses can be done at a training centre, with some available by distance learning.



How much do they earn?

The average earnings are between £13,000 and £30,000 per year or more. It may be possible to earn more than this by running your own business or specialising.



Where to find out more



www.writtle.ac.uk



<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/horticultural-worker>

<https://www.horticulture.org.uk/grow-careers/a-career-in-horticulture/>

If you want to find out about similar job roles, check out these below:

Landscape gardener, botanist, tree surgeon, gardener, garden centre assistant, horticultural therapist, greenkeeper.

