

The B.E.S.T. In Horticulture Group

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B.E.S.T. in Horticulture was started by Tony Davies and Janet Prescott to provide horticultural education outside a conventional college environment; their team of tutors and subject specialists come from a number of horticultural colleges and the industry. A little bit about us:

Tony Davies Mhort (RHS), DipHort (Dist), SCD(HONS), DipRSA, CertED, FI Hort. lectured in business planning and development at Sparsholt College and went on to be the Learning Manager in charge of Horticulture. He is the former Head of Horticulture at Warwickshire College (Pershore College). A professional horticulturist for many years, he has run a number of commercial enterprises, specialising in ornamental nursery stock production and horticultural retail.

As an educationalist, he has worked with a number of awarding bodies; City & Guilds, EDEXCEL and the RHS as an examiner and in developing qualifications. He is a qualified instructor and a registered City and Guilds Assessor for a wide range of machinery and equipment.

Tony is a career horticulturist; he is passionate about horticultural education and training and is keen to share his expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm with anyone who wants to learn about the diverse world of horticulture.

Janet Prescott BA (Hons) BSc Hort (Hons) PGCE. PGDip in the Conservation of Historic Gardens and the Landscaped Environment lectured on RHS courses and Horticultural Science at Sparsholt and Pershore Colleges, and with Tony Davies helped to construct Gold medal-winning exhibits for Warwickshire College at Chelsea and Hampton Court in 2009-2011. She has worked with the RHS on course development and has also written for City and Guilds qualifications.

As a mid-life career changer into horticulture, she is keen to help other people to achieve their own horticultural ambitions. For several years she has opened her garden under the National Gardens Scheme.



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Fully supported
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Full colour
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The Module List

1. Producing a 'Tear Sheet'
2. Clarifying the design objectives
3. Carrying out a site survey
4. Carrying out soil analysis and improving soil
5. Producing your own design brief
6. Drawing up the site survey to produce the site plan
7. Formulating your ideas for a design
8. Researching the hard and soft landscaping elements
9. Producing your master plan (a full design)
10. Producing construction drawings (optional)
11. Producing planting plans
12. Developing a specification (optional)
13. Setting out
14. The maintenance schedule (optional)

Do It Yourself Garden Design is a supported distance learning experience that will enable you to design your own garden, or gardens for others, to a professional standard. At B.E.S.T. in Horticulture Limited we are pleased to offer **two** options:

Option 1

Course with design pack

Cost £695.00 + VAT £139

Total cost £ 834

All the course reading materials are supplied as **full colour** in a binder. We supply the plastic A4 envelopes (addressed) to send your work to your tutor for evaluation (please note you are responsible for the cost of postage to the tutor). The tutor will return all work sent to them by post at our cost. Where practicable you will be asked to submit some work electronically, therefore you need to have broadband and an email account.

The design pack contains **all the necessary equipment and materials** to produce different types of garden design drawings to a high standard. The contents include: A3 drawing board (and bag), set squares, compass, French curves, scale ruler, circle template, pack of drawing pens, colour pencils and supplies of tracing and drawing paper. The retail value of the design pack is in excess of £125.00.

Option 2 -

Course without design pack

Cost £595.00 + VAT £ 119

Total cost £ 714

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You will probably choose this option if you already own or have access to drawing equipment. With this option you will not receive the design pack, **but we do supply all the drawing paper.**

What support do you get?

When you have paid for your course you will be assigned a dedicated personal tutor and given their email address. On this course your tutor will only be contactable by email (emails being answered within three working days). They will guide you through each module, review all of the materials that you send them by post/email and provide you with detailed feedback to enable you to improve as you progress