

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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Short Course (Ryton) Practical Garden Design



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Short Course Information

This is practical garden design course,; it aims to provide you with the necessary underpinning knowledge and the practical skills you need to be able to competently design a garden. On this course you will attend lectures and practical workshops covering the following:

Course introduction

Garden history and its influence on design

The fundamental design principles that underpin good design

Site appraisal and recording

Basic linear and topographical surveying techniques, recording the results

Producing a site plan from survey data

The use of colour, texture and form

The creative process, tear sheets, mood boards and research

Inspiration, experimentation and formulating strong design ideas

Researching hard and soft elements for incorporation into the design

Producing a master plan

Producing a planting plan

Producing a construction drawing

Developing a specification

Setting out, marking out a design on the ground

Producing a maintenance schedule

There will be some homework for completion between session, which is an integral part of the course, which therefore must be completed.

The design pack

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 etc.

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Dates and times - This is a programme consisting of 13 sessions. To check when this course is running please look on the website for dates. This course runs from 09.30 to 15.30 each day.

What qualification will I get? On completion of the programme you will be given a course completion certificate from the Academy of Practical Horticulture.

What is the enrolment process? 1. Talk to us first to ensure that there is a place available on the course. 2. Complete an enrolment form on line, ensure you provide **ALL** of the details requested. 3. Payment options are: payment through the website using a credit/debit card or PayPal, alternatively cash or cheque on the first day of the course. There is an option to pay in instalments:

Cost: Payment option 1. (With design pack) £595.00 plus V.A.T. at £ 119.00 for the complete course, **total payable £ 714.00.**

Payment by instalments for option 1. 3 instalments of £243.00 on weeks 1, 5 and 9 (including a £15.00 surcharge for paying by instalment) **total payable £ 729.00**

Payment option 2. (Without design pack) £495.00 plus V.A.T. at £ 99.00 for the complete course, **total payable £ 594.00**

Payment by instalments for option 2. 3 instalments of £ 203.00 on weeks, 1, 5 and 9 (including £15.00 surcharge for paying by instalment) **total payable £ 609.00**

What else do I need to know? This is mixture of theory and practical work, therefore you need to wear comfortable casual work for indoors. Outdoors when carrying out practical activities outdoors, clothing and for inclement weather some waterproofs would be ideal! Safety footwear is mandatory for all practical activities.

What can I do after this course? The next logical step would be one of the Royal Horticultural Society Courses at one of our centres, the **RHS Level Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning Establishment and Maintenance** would be an obvious choice, if you wish to gain a formal qualification.



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