



WORKING IN HORTICULTURE

Working in Horticulture is not just about gardening. There are a huge range of career and employment options in the commercial and environmental sectors as well as in research and journalism. A qualification in Horticulture can open the door to employment or can lead to further training opportunities for students at all levels.

What types of jobs are there?

Commercial Horticulture covers the production of ornamental plants, vegetables, salads, fruit and flowers outdoors and under protection of glass or plastic. Some production is highly mechanised and merges into food technology. Horticulturists are also employed as buyers by major supermarkets.

Amenity Horticulture helps to improve the quality of everyone's life. Horticulturists may advise, design or maintain private gardens or may work to landscape, manage or maintain public parks, open spaces, roadside plantings or sports grounds.

The following careers include options for students completing college courses and graduate level careers involving further study.

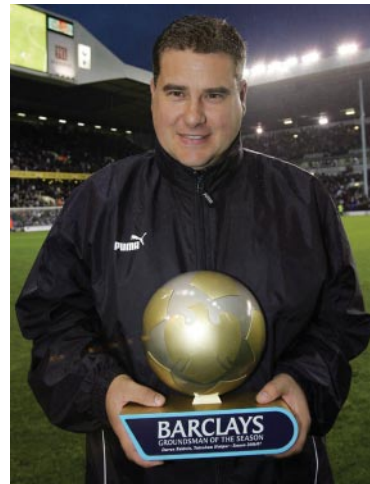
Sport, leisure and green space

(Amenity Horticulture)

- Ground Maintenance Contractor
- Parks, Gardens and Green Space Officer
- Hard and/or Soft Landscaper

Careers for people that like being outside, with a 'hands-on' approach, working with plants, doing a variety of horticultural duties, using tools and equipment, dealing with clients, designers and/or members of the public. A contractor's work is often varied, covering many sites and projects.

- Greenkeeper
- Groundsman
- Sports Turf Manager



Darren Baldwin: Former student and the premier's top groundsman.

Football, Cricket, Rugby, Tennis and Horse Racing all take place on grass. Skilled specialists are needed to keep the grass in the best possible condition. If you are interested in sport and like being outside this could be for you.

➤ Park Ranger

The ranger is a uniformed presence in the park, taking guided walks, providing visitors with information, liaising with local community groups and discouraging anti-social behaviour.

➤ Parks Policy and Development Officer

Parks policy and development officers work in local authorities' parks and green spaces departments, helping to create the plans and strategies to maintain and improve public open spaces in their area. Responsibilities include promoting parks and open spaces to the public, undertaking surveys and organising development and repair work.

➤ Interior Landscaper

Bring colour and greenery indoors by designing indoor planting schemes in offices, atriums, shopping centres, restaurants and health clubs.

➤ Garden Design

Could you turn a boring lawn into a beautiful garden? You'll need knowledge of plants, hard landscaping, water features, garden furniture, lighting and a creative flair.



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Commercial horticulture

➤ Garden Centre and DIY Outlet Worker/Manager

A career in garden retail is for people who like working with people, are passionate about plants, are happy about working inside or outside and are confident with offering advice.

➤ Plant Nurseries

➤ Ornamental Plant Grower

➤ Trees, Fruit and Vegetable Grower

Fruit, vegetables, trees, shrubs and flowers are all grown at nurseries. Working in a nursery includes propagating (growing new plants) planting, potting and identification and control of weeds, pests and diseases. This can involve the use of specialist machinery, hand tools and even forklifts.

There are also a range of jobs outside the immediate area of growing. Supermarkets require field officers to manage the need for a daily supply of fresh produce. Suppliers, who provide everything from packaging to spray chemicals, need specialist advisers and research workers to develop new products.

Plant science and technology

➤ Plant Breeder

Create new plant varieties with the expertise of the plant geneticist or biotechnologist (involves further study).

➤ Plant Propagator

Create new plants by collecting seeds and cuttings or through micropropagation.



Heritage and conservation

➤ Gardener

➤ Garden Manager/Head Gardener

Gardeners work outside with a practical and physical role looking after and maintaining gardens. For a managerial role your input stretches from upkeep towards developing the location. Specialist roles could include working at a historic garden such as Wisley or Hyde Hall, monitoring and recording plant collections as well as designing new areas in keeping with the garden's tradition. Work at Botanic Gardens such as Kew involves growing, studying and exhibiting plants from all around the world.

Other areas

➤ Landscape Designer and Architect

➤ Horticultural Therapist

➤ Botanical Researcher

➤ Horticultural Journalist

What skills and interests do you need?

- Enjoy working outdoors
- Being able to work with people – perhaps in a team, helping colleagues or members of the public
- Good communication skills
- An interest in plants

Full-time and part-time Horticulture courses are available at our centres in Enfield, Crystal Palace and Gunnersbury Park.

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