

PG TRUST PROJECT FUNDING REPORT

I applied for PG Trust Funding in November 2013 to help towards my RHS level 2 qualifications. The PG trust awarded me a sum of £112, which covered the cost of the examination fees.

As a Trainee gardener my aim is to maximise my learning! When I enrolled with my distance learning provider (bestinhorticulture) I was worried about the financial pressure which comes with taking exams. The funding provided by the PG Trust allowed me to complete my RHS level 2 examinations without having to worry about the financial stress associated with exam fees; meaning I could focus more on my studies and less on my bank balance!

The course material has been beneficial to my work in my garden, as I have understood more thoroughly the reasoning behind each horticultural task. Course content has also given me an understanding of design, of which I knew very little about before. I have applied this new knowledge to design projects given to me as part of my traineeship. I am now able to talk more confidently about design elements and plant choices, which has allowed me to convey my ideas to my peers more positively.

As a young horticulturalist the knowledge gained through taking this qualification has given me a good base on which to build a career and puts me in a stronger position on the jobs market. I am grateful for the support of the PG trust, without whom I would have found it difficult to fund my examinations.

I took the following exams in February: Plant classification, structure and function, Plant nutrition and the root environment, Maintaining plant health, Understanding plant propagation. I passed all 4 examinations.

I took the following exams in June: 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. I am currently waiting for my results.)

**With Thanks,
Mungo Nash**



Consolidating topsoil for a new lawn!



Pruning Roses!



Levelling a bed in preparation for bedding!