

Horticultural Qualifications

Below is a selection of comments made by recipients of PGT Awards over the last couple of years:

RHS Level 2:

Steven Lewthwaite - "I have been able to incorporate many of the things I learnt into my job on a daily basis such as being able to identify plants and having knowledge of them as well.....I am able to answer most questions from customers confidently and offer suggestions about things that could improve their gardens."

Andy Adams - "I have learnt a lot so far from the course, and feel ready to sit my exams next year. I look forward to receiving my certificate. It will be nice to finally have a qualification that fits the profession I have chosen. I would like to thank the PGT for providing the funds to help me achieve this."

Sarah Haworth - "This qualification is a very useful addition to my CV. I believe I will be more confident in my gardening practice and my suitability for promotion."

Dagma Muller - Many thanks to the PGTrust for supporting me with my aim to raise my job opportunities..."

Jemma Dixon – "I really appreciated the support in my horticulture education, not only am I more confident but it certainly gives my clients more confidence in me when they know I am training with the RHS".

RHS Level 2 and 3:

Sharon Mullett – "The knowledge I have gained through my studies has given me the confidence to use my skills in other people's gardens where I would only have dabbled in my own before I am very grateful for the help I received...."

RHS Level 3:

Aoife Maher - "I am pleased that I passed all four exams with commendation - which would not have been possible without the help and support of the PGTrustthe course continues to be applicable to my work and training and has inspired me to explore further study options..."

Sam Hawthorne - I am very grateful to everyone who made this possible for me and would like to express how important these sources of funding are for so many people coming into horticulture..... The RHS Level 3 has really strengthened my knowledge and also my confidence in my own skills"

Charlotte Price - "I am significantly more confident in my horticultural working and in my communication with my customers that has elevated my professionalism as a horticulturist, with more customers as a result"

Adrian Thorne – “As is quite often the way with training courses, it has opened up new ideas and possibilities – I’ve been looking at further study and options for the business that I previously hadn’t considered”

Elliot Barden – “I cannot explain enough the usefulness that this course was to a developing horticulturist I have been accepted onto the Kew Diploma – moving over from the apprenticeship...”

David Sigley – “I am very grateful I have had this opportunity to do this course and will continue to increase my knowledge”

Robert Oakes – “ I feel I can now offer my customers a better service and I am confident of putting the right plants in the right place when overhauling areas of garden because of the RHS courses. I can also suggest species that are more unusual”.

Shelley Everett – “The course really built on my foundations of learning I received through my Level 2 course at Pershore””I’ve been fully booked with gardening work all year and financially it’s been very successful as well as creatively rewarding”.

RHS Masters:

Neil Bebbington - “.....would wholeheartedly support any candidates to apply to the Professional Gardens’ trust to help further their careerthe knowledge and experiences I have gained has helped me vastly, not just in my own specialised subject but furthermore in areas that I have lost touch with one being amenity landscape”.

Hazel Robinson - “My new role is at Dyffryn Garden in South Wales and I am Plant Propagator and Area Supervisor. Without the opportunity provided by the PGT scheme..... I’m certain I would not have had the confidence to even apply, never mind be in such a great position as I am now....”