

Other Training

Below is a selection of comments from recipients of previous PGT awards over the last couple of years:

Graham Gunn, Microsoft Access Course:

“Overall this training has been of great use to the business and me.... The database is essential to our business and it is very important that David is not the only person within the business who has knowledge of how to use it and I am very thankful for the foundation to give me the funding to carry out the training. I have also been recently promoted within the business and this knowledge of databases is essential to my new responsibilities and is a strong foundation for the skills I will need to develop in the future”.

Louise Ellis, Planting with Perennials (online course):

“I found the module helpful in emphasising the importance of understanding what a plant will offer in a planting scheme and how plants can be categorised according to how they will grow. It also reminded me that plant selection should be based on the environment that the plants will be growing in – i.e. right plant, right place. I have the lecture notes on file and will find them helpful to refer to in future when looking at planting schemes.

Cathy Lewis, Planting with Perennials (online course):

“I found the video images, course notes and pictures inspirational and will no doubt refer back to the notes time and again. I feel the course has given me a useful grounding in the growing habits, versatility and design potential of perennials – a knowledge that I can now put to practical use in my career, and which I can build on as I gain more experience with planting design”.

Beth Newman, Certificate in Practical Field Botany Course:

“I found this course fascinating and extremely useful in building my confidence in the use of botanical keys to identify UK native flora, and as an introduction to botanical surveying. I have already put the training of the course into practice at RBG Kew by using botanical keys regularly to identify British native plant species in the gardens”.

I'm extremely grateful to the Professional Gardeners Guild Trust for making my participation in this course possible. I feel it has provided me with a really valuable foundation on field botany to enhance my knowledge and appreciation of UK native flora in future”.

Rupert Harbinson, Certificate in Practical Field Botany Course:

“All the skills I have learnt enable me to now look at wildflowers and meadows with an understanding of their composition and the environment they are growing in (including the soil and aspect). When looking at the natural areas of a garden it is useful to understand this if it is to be developed. By knowing the indicator plants I can guess which ornamental plants will work on a specific site.”

Kevin Aiken, Sustainable Woodland Management Course:

“The course was a week-long residential at their facilities in Powys and they packed a lot into the five days”..... “It was great to learn from the other participants on the course as well. Since everyone was passionate about what we were studying it created a fantastic dynamic.”



Sophie Cook, Wildlife in Gardens Conference:

“This conference was invaluable to find out the current climate of wildlife and nature gardening, and has given me the contacts and ideas to go on and develop my career in wildlife gardening”.

Beck Orton, Plantnetwork Day on Managing Glasshouse and a day work experience at Cambridge University Botanic Garden:

“The days were useful in meeting new gardeners, who may now become very useful contacts. Knowing that there is a group of people available to ask for advice is great, as I have tended to get rather isolated under the workload of my current job. It was a fantastic opportunity to broaden my horizons a little bit, which is stimulating and inspiring”.

