Horticulture Foundations

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Horticulture Foundations	14/10/2026	23/12/2026	Meadow Well Connected	
Horticulture Foundations	13/01/2027	07/04/2027	Meadow Well Connected	
Horticulture Foundations	21/04/2027	14/07/2027	Meadow Well Connected	

Who Is This Course For?

This course is for those wishing to develop a good, basic understanding of the horticulture industry and want to gain a qualification. It is also developed to support you in looking for your first horticulture job in the sector or move on to further study.

What Can I Learn On This Course?

This is a structured programme in which you will:
Complete the Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture Skills

Gain 15-30 hours of work experience at an established allotment site

Receive employment and digital support

During the programme you will explore topics such as:

- Planting out
- Preparing ground
- Pruning
- Using a lawnmower
- Maintaining turf

- Propagation techniques

You will also get support on choosing your next job and will be linked up with an employment advisor at a Working Well Hub, to support your journey towards employment.

How Is This Course Delivered?

This course is delivered outdoors at an established allotment site with an experienced, specialist tutor. There may also be periods spent learning knowledge inside a classroom environment on-site.

What Will I Need To Bring With Me?

You will need to ensure you are appropriately dressed to participate in outdoor tasks, with sensible footwear and a waterproof coat. There is an on-site café, but you are welcome to bring your own lunch and refreshments. You may also wish to bring a pen and notepad to take notes. PPE can be provided where required.

What Skills Or Experience Do I Need?

No prior skills, knowledge or experience will be needed. You will need to be able to carry out gardening tasks, but your tutor will be able to guide you if you have little or no gardening experience. You may benefit from having completed the Planting and Growing course prior to enrolling on this Level 1 programme.

How Will My Work Be Assessed?

The City and Guilds Level 1 Award in Practical Horticulture Skills qualification is included in the Horticulture Foundations course. This is assessed through practical demonstration and assignments. To achieve the level 1 Award, you must complete one or two units from a wide range of options - enough to give you six credits. Some examples of units you might cover include:
Caring for planted areas

Preparing soil and planting

Applying organic mulch

Sowing seeds

Plant identification

Grass maintenance and repair.

Other non-accredited parts of the course will be assessed by your tutor, and feedback will be provided throughout the course to ensure you achieve your aims and objectives.

What Can I Do After The Course?

Look out for our Get Into Horticulture programmes where you will gain practical, vocational work experience in a working garden/allotment environment, as well as help with your CV and interview skills and insights from real employers. You may also wish to seek employment support at one of our Working Well Hubs or enrol onto a level 2 horticulture course. Your tutor will be happy to discuss your options with you.