

Oatridge Online

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Welcome to this, the October 2009 edition of Oatridge Online, your monthly newsletter from Oatridge College. In this issue we take the chance to blow our own trumpet a little, over the success of our landscaping students in the UK's most prestigious competition and we look ahead to the forthcoming Oatridge Scotgrow Conference, together with other news from our campus in the country and a round-up of what is important to the landbased sector throughout Scotland.

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We hope you enjoy receiving and reading Oatridge Online.

Adrian Kitchen, Director of Business and Curriculum Development.

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Everything's rosy in this garden

As far as students Colin Smith and Petrus Jacobs are concerned, everything is rosy in the garden they created to claim the title of Britain's young champion landscape gardeners at the prestigious UK Skills advanced final.

Colin and Petrus were top scorers after the gruelling event which saw them transform a 7x7 metre plot in just 22 hours, working from a design brief "borrowed" from the international World Skills final in Calgary, Canada, earlier in the year.





Their success at the Malvern Autumn Show, south of Worcester, followed that of fellow-students, Scott Cousins and Daniel Scott, who took third place in the Intermediate Final a week earlier at Windsor.



Colin is in the final year of his Modern Apprenticeship studies at Oatridge, but is already a contract supervisor with Premier One (Land Services), while Petrus is currently studying landscape management. He works on the Harburn Estate in Mid Calder, West Lothian.

Principal David James says: "I can't express just how proud we are of both our landscaping teams. Their successes reflect really well on the quality of our students and their tutors".

The Advanced team was coached by Brian Miller and the Intermediate team by David Millar.

Scotgrow goes back to the future Horticultural Team Leader Ann Burns believes the **Oatridge Conference** in November will mark the beginning of the restoration of Scotgrow as the most important event in the industry calendar in Scotland.

"Scotgrow used to be massive," says Ann. "It took over Ingliston and at one time was as big as Scoturf, but all that disappeared about eight years ago, basically because of changes in the industry. There are fewer growers now: It's mainly garden centres and landscaping companies, people selling plants and planting plants, rather than growing them, but the new Oatridge Scotgrow Conference is designed to reflect the new situation and take the event back to the stature it once had."

The Conference on **November 26th** is expected to attract more than 120 delegates – growers, greenkeepers, garden designers, landscape architects and local authorities - and will feature a trade show with at least 24 stands. The title, "Managing Change" reflects the twin challenges facing the sector, global warming and the effects of the economic downturn.



Main speakers at the conference include Dr David Reay of the University of Edinburgh, who is one of the country's leading experts on climate change, Paul Masters and Ian Gulland of WRAP, the environmental group, Brian Wright of FBD Consultancy, who will talk about surviving the credit crunch and contract lawyer Gillian Craig of McRoberts LLP, who will advise on "essential protections".

The Oatridge Conference is sponsored or supported by WRAP, POD, the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI), Scotgrow, the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA), Scottish Water, Bellwood Trees, Lantra and the Institute of Horticulture.

At the event delegates will also have the opportunity to meet Oatridge College's new Business Development Executive, Russell Parker, who will be keen to discuss how the College can address the development and training agendas of landbased and rural businesses.

Conference sessions will be chaired by Jim McColl, one of the most familiar figures in the industry.
www.scotgrow.com

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Karen heads Stateside

Assistant Principal Karen Murray is heading off to the United States later this month for a hectic week which will see her cover hundreds of miles to visit three states, numerous educational establishments and take part in getting-to-know-meetings with a range of senior academics.

The whirlwind tour will take Karen to Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma where she will explore the potential for co-operation between Oatridge College and the University of Missouri, Missouri State University, Oklahoma State University, the University of Arkansas and Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Sciences.

She will sit in on some classes and deliver lectures at others. She says: "This is an opportunity for us to talk to people about the potential for collaboration and develop a greater understanding of education – particularly equine education – in the States.

It's obviously going to be hectic, because a lot of the places I'm visiting are at least a three-hour drive from each other, but I'm really looking forward to seeing education in action and talking to so many prominent academics."

The visit is part-supported by Scottish Development International (SDI) (www.sdi.co.uk)

Oatridge reaches out to the world

The drive to attract international students to Oatridge has been given a boost in the latest edition of the i-studentadvisor online guide to studying in the UK.

Three pages of the prestigious web publications are devoted to the landbased courses available in Scotland and a link will take potential students straight to Oatridge's own more detailed interactive brochure.



To take a look you can go to www.i-studentadvisor.com and after clicking on the i-UK front page image, go to pages 98-101. Alternatively go straight to the Oatridge brochure at: www.i-studentadvisor.com/oatridge/oatridge-english.html

Meeting the needs of industry

Here at Oatridge will pride ourselves on meeting the training needs of the landbased industries and a recent example has just dropped on the Oatridge Online desk. It involved providing a tailored two-day course for five groups of employees from a major civil engineering company on the safe use of brushcutters and trimmers, to Lantra approved standards.

Details of our range of courses, which can be delivered here at the College or on company premises, can be found at the end of this newsletter or on our website: www.oatridge.ac.uk



Making Oatridge students “work ready”

Students at Oatridge have been given access to a unique database developed by Lantra, the skills council for the environmental and landbased industries, which will not only give a clear picture of the qualifications and training they might need for a huge range of jobs, but will allow them to build up a record of their own achievements online to form the basis of a CV.

Lantra's initiative follows repeated complaints from employers that many students are not “work ready” when they apply for jobs. The database has been made available at Oatridge and two of Scotland's other leading landbased colleges, Barony and Elmwood, since the start of the new academic year.

David James, the Principal of Oatridge, says: “The National Student Database will provide students with the opportunity to identify the exact skills, qualifications and work-based experience required for their desired profession. The system will give them a clear pathway to the career they want, by signposting the required skills.”

Rob Lloyd-Jones, Lantra's Business Development Consultant, says: “Students' learning can be endorsed by tutors or part-time/work experience employers that will be collated into a CV, demonstrating the level of qualifications and skills the student has achieved. This will enable employers to readily identify how well students are suited to vacant positions.”

www.lantra.co.uk

Can't hold Arnaud down

Dyslexia is thought to affect one-in-ten people in Scotland and one-in-four of them has a severe form of the disorder, so it's a fair assumption that a visit to Oatridge by Rapper Real A – aka Arnaud Tooouanga – will have been inspirational for a number of our students.

Arnaud discovered he was dyslexic when he moved to Glasgow when he was 12 having previously struggled at school. His current single “Can't hold me down” recounts his personal battle to come to terms with his learning difficulties and overcome them.

The track has been issued in association with Dyslexia Scotland and Arnaud's lunchtime concert at the College was arranged by Janet Lingard in Learning Support.

Further details about dyslexia and Real A can be found at www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk and www.hecticbeats.com





Memories of Blair

Thirty volunteers from Oatridge have helped make this year's Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair a huge success, after stepping in at the last minute to answer an SOS.

The students and ex-students gave up some of their holiday time to make up arena parties, build courses, steward cross country events and "man" the dressage arena after Hannah Wilkins, the Assistant Director of the Trials, made an appeal for willing hands.

The Oatridge contingent camped out for the four days of the Trials but according to one of the volunteers, Natalie Hanna, a former Higher National Diploma student, they felt well rewarded for efforts. She says: "We met Oliver Townend, the winner at Badminton this year, Mark Todd, the ex-Olympic and World Champion and William Fox-Pitt, one of our leading riders, who were all competing.

We got packed lunches each day and a hot evening meal and we were given a Blair polo shirt and a programme, plus we were invited to all the social events, including a ceilidh, hog roast and disco. The weather was awful and the days were very long, but it was a great experience for us."

The students who volunteered for all the "organised" chores got an additional bonus as they are now excused a percentage of their yard duties for the coming year at Oatridge!

Oatridge throws down the corporate gauntlet!

Oatridge has thrown down the gauntlet to corporate-types: Get out of your business suits and get ready to pit your minds and bodies against the elements, the landscape and ever-so-slightly creative here at the College. Those brave enough will face a series of revealing team tasks devised to challenge their staying power and their ingenuity. The sessions are designed for groups with three or four people in each and usually last for half a day.

Emilia Barrero, the Marketing Officer at the college, says: "We've come up with a number of really interesting but fun challenges which will utilise the College's really beautiful estate and give the teams the chance to battle it out for the top awards.

For those who're not too enthusiastic about the great outdoors we've also got a series of indoor landscape construction challenges, one of which will literally drive contestants around the twist! These can last a day or half a day.

Both programmes are great for team building and bonding, though the construction challenge will give people additional skills which will be useful in their professional and personal lives. Most of all, though, we want people to have fun."

Contact Emilia Barrero: ebarrero@oatridge.ac.uk for more details.

George takes the reins at the SNEC

George Blackie, one of Scotland's most experienced course designers and showjumping judges, has taken the reins at the on-campus Scottish National Equestrian Centre, promising to grow its activities, encourage all disciplines to work more closely together, but most of all, to make the SNEC experience fun for everyone.

"I want it to be a friendly place," says George. "We will have excellent, top class competitions, but we can still have fun. That's what equestrianism is supposed to be about."



George recognises that at the SNEC he is in charge of an excellent venue, with great arenas and a very good surface. He also knows that he faces real challenges to maintain the momentum there's been since the international-class facility opened. One of the first will be the four-day Blue Chip Festival of Champions Winter Show from October 8, which is expected to attract hundreds of entries from all over Scotland and beyond. He says: "This is a massive event, but it has been here before and I have been involved with similar large-scale events elsewhere. I think it will go very well."

www.sneec.co.uk



Jim pitches up at Oatridge golf course

Jim Thomson, who has just taken over as manager of Oatridge's unique golf course, says he wants to attract more groups to "one of Scotland's hidden gems", and further develop the course's involvement in the Club Golf movement, to teach children the game.

Retired banker George has spent the last 12 years involved in golf as past-captain, secretary, treasurer and co-ordinator at a number of clubs. He's a past-president of the Linlithgow Sports Club and a past-president of the Linlithgow and Bo'ness Rotary Club.

He says: "One of my priorities is to get more parties coming to the Oatridge Course to enjoy a game and make more of the visit with an excellent meal in upmarket surroundings at the College itself.

Jim has so far only played Oatridge as a visitor, but the 16-handicapper is looking forward to getting involved in competitions on the "right" side.

www.oatridge.ac.uk/related_centres/golf_course

Here comes the Judge

Oatridge has continued its long involvement in the annual West Lothian Council Gardens Competition, again providing the judge, this time in the person of Horticulture lecturer Elspeth Ross.

She says: "This involved visiting 50 gardens and selecting the best in a range of categories. The standard was excellent. The identities of the major prize winners are a strictly guarded secret and will only be revealed at the awards ceremony in November." No scoops there then. (Editor)

No scales on Adrian!

We are pleased to report that there is no sign of Adrian Kitchen, our Director of Business and Curriculum Development, turning green and scaly, despite being selected as a "Dragon" in a friendlier version of the TV favourite, Dragons' Den.

Nor, we're assured, did the mild-mannered Adrian breath fire when he took part in the event, organised by the Social Enterprise Academy, where he is a board member.

He says: "This was an event organised to offer advice to six fledgling social enterprises and from the Oatridge point of view it was interesting that three of them were in the landbased sector. People are looking for alternative ways of setting up landbased business, because it is usually very capital intensive and the way forward might well be as social enterprises, an area where I know the College is keen to be involved."



See: www.theacademy-ssea.org for more information on the Social Enterprise Academy.

Safety first



The College has again been awarded the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Silver Award for Occupational Safety, Health and Safety Advisor Martin Neal (left) is seen receiving the framed certificate at a glittering ceremony.

College at UCAS events

Oatridge has seen unprecedented demand this year from young people seeking places on landbased courses, a level of interest reflected by the number of visitors to our stands at events organised by UCAS, specifically to point school leavers to education and training to meet their career ambitions.

The College had a presence at two events in Edinburgh – at Napier University - and (pictured) one at the University of Stirling for 4th, 5th and 6th year pupils.



The silly season at Oatridge



We are firm believers in the old adage that all work and no play makes Jack (and Jill) a pretty boring person. So it is that every year before the serious stuff starts, students get the opportunity to indulge their sillier side, at the induction week fun day.

For once the afternoon of tractor pulling, beat the goalie, catch the crawly and (pictured) tug-of-war etc was not dominated by the heavyweights from the Agriculture department. The top prize this year went this year to HNC Environment students, The Management, with farriery certificate students, The Metal Bashers, second, and second year HND equine students, The Fine Fillies, third.

Landbased round-up follows on the next page.....



Landbased round-up

This is rural life

A new report from Scotland's Chief Statistician reveals the highs and lows of living in rural Scotland. The "key facts" shows that in rural areas there is higher employment, higher wages and lower income deprivation than in urban parts of the country; Life expectancy is higher and there are fewer emergency admissions to hospital and a lower proportion of smokers; School results are better and there are more school leavers in work, education or training; More people rate their neighbourhood as a good place to live and more feel safe at home at night, all of which might account for the fact that the population is rising fast.

On the downside the report shows that a higher proportion of households are in fuel poverty and the housing stock is a lot less energy efficient; houses are more expensive; more children take the bus to school and fewer walk or cycle; A smaller proportion of rural dwellers rate key services such as public transport, dentists and cash machines as "convenient".

"Rural Scotland Key Facts 2009" is available in full through the publications section of Scottish Government website: www.scotland.gov.uk

Extra cash for rural projects

The Scottish government has announced that it is to fund up to 90% of projects in rural communities, such as small businesses, renewable energy initiatives and community gardens and projects through the LEADER programme. Previously LEADER funding was limited to 50% of the costs.

Announcing the increase at the first Rural Gathering, Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead said: "A thriving future for rural Scotland is vital to the social and economic fabric of the whole country. Grassroots community development will help deliver sustainable economic growth in every corner of Scotland."

Details of the LEADER programme at: www.ruralgateway.org.uk/

Farming and climate change

A new action plan to help cut greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural activity has been launched by the Scottish Government, with the aim of helping farmers increase productivity, while tackling climate change.

"Farming for a Better Climate" has a dedicated website, hosted by the Scottish Agricultural College. It can be found at: www.farmingforabetterclimate.org

Agricultural Wages Board "to stay"

The Scottish Agricultural Wages Board is to be retained – until at least 2011 – to ensure that the new apprenticeship rate operates as planned and to look after the interests of vulnerable workers. Its future will be reviewed in two years time.

Government Ministers believe that the Board still have a role to play in protecting a minority of agricultural workers, even though market forces have ensured that 80% are paid above the minimum rate.

www.scotland.gov.uk



Gold star shortbread

A Highland bakery is celebrating after picking up the coveted three-star gold prize in the UK-wide Great Taste Awards.

Nevis Bakery in Fort William was one of only 83 companies to receive the accolade, for its Demerara Shortbread, out of 4,873 entries. They also received one-star awards for their Highland Oaties and Oatcakes.

The business was founded in 1981 by Archie and Hazel Paterson and now has its bakery on the shores of Loch Linnhe and stores in Fort William and Oban.

www.nevisbakery.com

Green jobs boom

A new report predicts that 1,500 green jobs could be created in Orkney and on the Pentland Firth thanks to the rapid development of the marine renewables industry. The Orkney-based consultancy, Aquatera, says there is clear evidence that commercial scale wave and tidal power developments have potential economic benefits for some of Scotland's remotest communities.

www.aquatera.co.uk

Backing for Argyll biotech company

Highlands and Islands Enterprise has awarded more than £55,000 to an Argyll-based biotechnology company which is aiming to produce new nutrition and cosmetic products from fisheries by-products and marine algae.

Glycomar, based at Dunstaffnage near Oban will use the cash to complete research and development of an anti-inflammatory agent and an anti-aging skin care cream.

www.glycomar.com

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The Soil Association Scotland

The Soil Association in Scotland has just concluded a series of Climate Change events, which in recent weeks took it to Rainton Farm, Castle Douglas, the Great Glen Cattle Ranch at Spean Bridge and the SAC's Craigstone Estate, Aberdeen.

Each day's event featured presentations from senior soil researchers from the Scottish Agricultural College covering getting the basics right, managing soil improvement, structure and fertility; optimising crop productivity through fertility building; nutrient budgeting and improving carbon sequestration.

There was also a chance to tour the farms, have hands-on experience of assessing soil types and having soil samples analysed.

www.soilassociationscotland.org

The Scottish Gardeners' Forum

The Scottish Gardeners Forum, which encourages the exchange of ideas and information and promotes excellence in all aspects of gardening and horticulture, has just launched a new website.

It is hoped that it will provide an important new communications link especially for the hundred horticultural-oriented organisations which are members.

The new website can be found at: www.scottishgardenersforum.org.uk



Question? What is an ILA? Answer... An opportunity to Brush up your skills

ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme **that helps you pay for learning** that you can do at a time, place, pace and in a way to suit you. It's for people who have an income of £22,000 a year or less, or who are on benefits. If you are 16 or over and living in Scotland, you could get up to £500 towards the cost of learning with a learner account from ILA Scotland.

£200 accounts – If you are interested in learning something new or brushing up your skills. There is a wide range of courses available at Oatridge College - so why not have a look at our website or the course list below - to get an idea of what's available in your area of work. The courses with an * next to them are registered for ILA support

£500 accounts – If you are studying a part-time higher education or professional qualification course such as a Higher National Certificate (HNC) or Higher National Diploma (HND). There are conditions as to how you use this funding.

For more information please contact Moira Montgomery (mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk)
or phone **01506 864 807**



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Chainsaw Operations

***Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees up to 200 mm** (Lantra Accredited) 4 day course.

Dates: 2-5 Nov, 30 Nov-3 Dec, 11-14 Jan £450

***Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling Small Trees up to 380 mm** (NPTC Accredited) 5-day course (+ 1 day test to be arranged)

Dates: 19-23 Oct, 16-20 Nov, 7-11 Dec, 18-22 Jan £780

*Forklift Operation

(Lantra Accredited) 3 day course dates TBA £450

*All Terrain Vehicle Operation

(Lantra Accredited) 2 day course dates TBA £250

Transporting Livestock

Transportation of Livestock by Road Short Journeys over 65km and under 8 hours

Online testing arranged as required £60

Transportation of Livestock by Road Long Distance

Dates to be arranged as required £120

* Vehicle & Trailer Training: Preparation for the DVLA test

1 day course: Dates TBA (Max of 2 trainees) £150

* Blacksmithing – An Introduction (Basic)

A 10 week programme introducing the skills of Blacksmithing (**Evening Course** - 6.30-9pm)

Course start dates: 1 Dec; 2 Mar £200

Alternatively we are offering a

4 day intensive course 23-26 Nov £200

* Welding – An Introduction (Basic)

A 10 week programme an introduction to welding skills (**Evening Course** - 6.30-9pm)

Course start dates 2 Dec; 3 Mar £200

Alternatively we are offering a

4 day intensive course 19-22 Oct £200

Vermin Control

*** Vermin Control - Rabbits, rats, mice & moles**

Lantra Accredited 2 day course: Dates: 26-27 Oct, 22-23 Feb £210

*** Vermin Control – Rabbits and moles**

Lantra Accredited 1 day course: Dates: 26 Oct £165

Using Sprayers

*** Safe Use of Pesticides – Training for PA1 Foundation** (NPTC Accredited) 1 day course: 19 Oct, 25 Nov, 6 Jan £100

PA1 Foundation Test Dates arranged following training (above) £60

*** Safe Use of Pesticides - Training for PA6A Hand Held Applicator** (NPTC Accredited)

1 day course : 20 Oct, 26 Nov, 7 Jan £130

PA6A Test

Dates arranged following training (above) £80

*** Safe Use of Pesticides - Training for PA2A Tractor Mounted Certificate** (NPTC Accredited)

1 day course : 27 Nov £120

PA2A Test

Dates arranged following training (above) £250

Health and Safety

*** First Aid at Work** HSE Accredited 3 day course: 26-28 Oct, 7-9 Dec £120

*** First Aid at Work Refresher** - HSE Accredited 2 days: 19-20 Oct, 2-3 Dec £90

*** Emergency First Aid** 1-day Attendance Certificate 29 Oct, 10 Dec £60

***Manual Handling** 1 day 4 Nov £60

***Risk Assessment/ COSHH – an introduction** 1 day introductory course : 2 Nov £60

***Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines** 1 day course : 23 Oct £200

***Safe Use of Sheep Dips** A 1 day course : dates to be arranged £200

Construction Skills - for DIY or Trade Skills Updating

*** Drystone Dyking** A 5 day training course: 8-12 Mar £350

***Introduction to basic brickwork & trowel skills**

An Oatridge 3 day course: 13-15 Jan £300

*** Brickwork & Trowel skills update**

An Oatridge 3 day course: 18-20 Nov £300

*** Timber Decking**

An Oatridge 3 day course 28-30 Oct, 20-22 Jan £300

*** Introduction to Garden Paving**

An Oatridge 3 day course; 4-6 Nov, 3-5 Feb £300

*** Paving Skills Update** 3 days 2-4 Dec, 3-5 Mar £300



* Courses marked are ILA approved

For further information and to make bookings, please contact Moira Montgomery at Oatridge College

mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk Latest information can be found at: www.oatridge.ac.uk/short_courses

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BHS Horse Owner Certificate

*Level 2

10 weeks: 2 Dec – 17 Feb (6-8pm) £100

*Level 3

10 weeks: 3 Mar – 19 May (6-8pm) £100

Leisure – Pet Care

Dog Agility – Advanced

10 weeks: 5 Jan – 16 Mar (Evening Course 7.00 – 8.00pm) £50

Dog Agility – Advanced

10 weeks: 5 Jan – 16 Mar (Evening Course 8.00 – 9.00pm) £50

For further information and to make bookings please contact Moira Montgomery at Oatridge College mmontgomery@oatridge.ac.uk

Gardening

* Introduction to Gardening

10 weeks 1 Oct – 3 Nov (7 – 9pm) £ 80

*Garden Design - 11 weeks 30 Sep – 9 Nov (7 – 9pm)

£105

Saturday Workshops at Suntrap

All £10.00 + cost of materials (10-12noon) or 3 for £25

Contact John Smith on 0131 339 7283

Winter Containers & Hanging Baskets 24 Oct £10

Gardens by Design 21 Nov £10

Christmas Decorations 19 Dec £10

Contact John Smith on 0131 339 7283 (answer machine)

All courses are held at Suntrap Centre, 43 Gogarbank, Edinburgh EH12 9BY
email: suntrap@btopenworld.com

Scottish National Equestrian Centre Courses

*Training for BHS Stage 1

Horse Knowledge, Care & Riding Course 3 - 8 x 3hour Sessions 20, 27 Nov, 4, 11 Dec 9am–12pm & 1pm–4pm £180

or

Horse Knowledge & Care Only Course 3 - 4 x 3hour Sessions 20, 27 Nov, 4, 11 Dec 9am–12pm or 1pm–4pm £100

or

Riding Only Course 3 - 4 x 3hour Sessions 20, 27 Nov, 4, 11 Dec 9am–12pm or 1pm–4pm £100

Clipping for Beginners Part 1 9th October

Course 1

1 x 3hour Session 9am – 12pm £25

Course 2

1 x 3hour Session 1pm – 4pm £25

Clipping for Beginners Part 2 16th October

Course 1

1 x 3hour Session 9am – 12pm £25

Course 2

1 x 3hour Session 1pm – 4pm £25

For further information contact The Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC), Oatridge, Ecclesmachan, West Lothian EH52 6NH. Telephone 01506 865714 or Fax 01506 865716 or e-mail gblackie@oatridge.ac.uk



* Courses marked are ILA approved



Short and Tailored Courses

At Oatridge College and SNEC we organise a wide range of short specialist courses. The courses we offer either meet current industrial standards or we can devise bespoke courses tailored to meet the precise needs of individuals and businesses.

Oatridge College has developed a reputation for delivering specialist tailored courses and we continue to offer this service to businesses and Local Authorities.

Recent programmes have included courses such as:

- ✚ "Turf Week" - a specialist turf management course for North Lanarkshire Council
- ✚ 10 week preparatory courses for young people to engage them in the Landbased industries
- ✚ Introductory courses for participants in "Get Ready for Work" Schemes
- ✚ Specialist Dog Handling courses
- ✚ Training of Trainers
- ✚ School Non-Attendee Programmes for Local Authorities

The courses included on these pages have been planned to run on the dates given.

Oatridge College reserves the right to change the dates of courses and to cancel provision if the number of bookings for any course does not meet the minimum number of participants required to run the course. We will always strive to ensure that courses run whenever possible.

Please contact Adrian Kitchen for more information or to discuss your requirements.
akitchen@oatridge.ac.uk

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Scottish National Equestrian Centre Courses

***Training for BHS Stage 1: Horse Knowledge, Care and Riding**

Course 2: 8 x 3hour sessions 20th, 27th Nov, 4th & 11th Dec
All sessions 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm £180

***Training for BHS Stage 1 Horse Knowledge & Care Only**

Course 2: 4 x 3hour sessions 20th, 27th Nov, 4th & 11th Dec
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £100

***Training for BHS Stage 1 Riding Only**

Course 2: 4 x 3hour sessions 20th, 27th Nov, 4th & 11th Dec
All sessions 9am – 12pm or 1pm – 4pm £100



*** Courses marked are ILA approved**

For further course information contact The Scottish National Equestrian Centre (SNEC), Oatridge College, Ecclesmachan, West Lothian EH52 6NH. Telephone 01506 865714 Fax 01506 865716

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