



# What is landscaping?

## Landscaping:

The design, planning, laying out, construction and maintenance of gardens and green spaces.

Landscaping is all

**AROUND US**

Anywhere a building has been constructed a landscaper will be involved, from public parks, commercial landscape sites and sports facilities, to private gardens, community spaces and interior landscaping.

Landscapers are improving the **environment**

We all know the value of green spaces, from the environmental benefits to improving and supporting personal wellbeing. Landscapers help to have a direct influence on these parks, gardens and open spaces through design, build and regular maintenance.

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Become a landscaper, especially if you like...



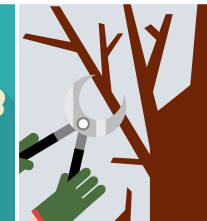
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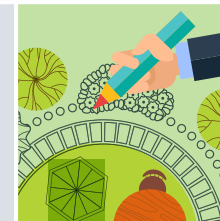
Working with plants and nature



Making a difference to our environment



Being hands-on practical



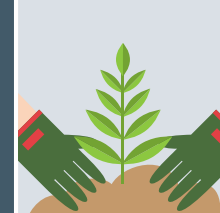
Exploring your artistic and creative side



Problem solving



Making a difference to people's lives



Seeing immediate results from your work



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## What role suits you best?

Would you like to creatively solve problems in green spaces, design plans that will improve or create new gardens?  
**This is landscape/garden design.**

Looking for something hands-on and physical? Want to be involved in planning and building landscapes using a range of structural materials to turn design into reality?  
**This is hard landscaping.**

Can you see yourself choosing and planting a wide range of plants to transform green spaces, adding texture, colour and scent?  
**This is soft landscaping.**

Have you got a passion to make sure green spaces are looking their best, that they are safe, clean and attractive to those using and visiting them?  
**This is landscape maintenance.**

Landscaping has a wide range of roles, including for example, **IT, product manufacture and sales as well as plant propagation and retail.**

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## Routes into industry

I want a job in landscaping, where do I start?

### Apprenticeships

A great way to earn while you learn, you get to work with a landscape company and train through your apprenticeship as either a Level 2 Operative and Level 3 Supervisor.

### College and university

There are many courses in landscaping and horticulture, from entry levels right the way through to Bsc degree courses.

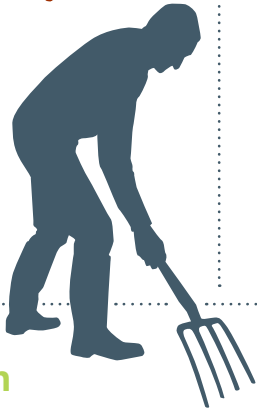
### The future

If you are committed and enthusiastic, there are opportunities to progress into roles like Team Leader, Project Manager or setting up your own business.

## Fact vs Fiction

### Myth

It's an unskilled career



### Myth

You won't earn much



### Fact

Whilst it is often manual labour, landscapers create the correct surfaces for people and vehicles, take site surveys, use and understand a broad range of materials, lay brick work, work with wood, install water features and have a broad plant knowledge that considers aspect and soil preferences. Far from unskilled!



### Fact

**Landscape Operatives** start on £15,000 – £20,000 depending on experience



**Landscape Team Leaders** start on £22,000 - £35,000 depending on experience

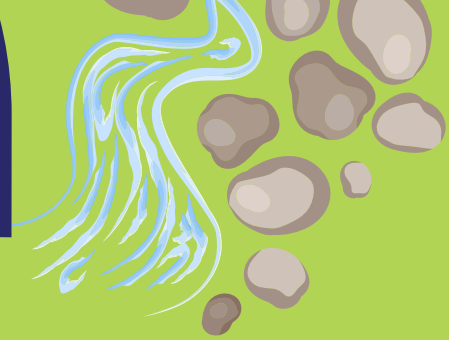


**Landscape Projects Managers** start on £32,000 - £45,000 depending on experience!



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## Did you know?



You will be joining

**568,700**



**employed in Horticulture**

(of which 278,300 are landscapers)

Helping to contribute

**£24.2 billion**



**to the UK economy**

(of which £11.6 billion comes from landscapers)

Driving

**£2.9 billion,**

the amount spent on visiting  
**UK parks and gardens**  
by tourists

# Don't just take our word for it....

“I like landscaping a lot, I really enjoy going onto a site and seeing what we are creating, it's a challenging environment, you always grow, you always have something to learn.”



**Larisa** - Landscape Quantity Surveyor



“It's not a mundane job, you're always doing something different, it's really good for your health, you always keep fit and it's good to be outside.”

**Jordan** - Soft Landscaper

“If you want to progress in life and want to do a multitasked job, I think landscaping is one of the professions you should choose.”



**Raza** - Landscape Engineer



“I feel like I give back, you are getting nicer communities and you're helping the community that you came from.”

**Conroy** - Junior Landscape Engineer

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