

# SKILLS MAP

INTERESTED  
in  
Horticulture?



JOB TASKS  
can include:

- Choosing plants
- Digging
- Sowing seeds
- Planting bulbs
- Taking cuttings from plants & growing new ones
- Choosing & mixing compost
- Watering, weeding, pruning, feeding & spraying plants
- Mowing grass, removing dead flowerheads, stems & branches
- Tidying up & recycling waste
- Operating machinery
- Using hand tools/equipment
- Cleaning & maintaining equipment
- Communicating with customers

- Working outside in all weathers
- Carrying heavy loads
- Standing up & bending over
- Learning names of plants
- Working with your hands
- Being prepared to wear protective clothing which includes gloves, overalls, safety glasses, safety boots & ear defenders

OTHER SKILLS  
you may  
need to be able  
to develop:



TRAINING &  
QUALIFICATIONS  
that may be  
required:



- Customer service
- Manual handling
- First aid

HOW CAN YOU  
DEVELOP  
these skills  
ready for work?



- Taking part in garden projects at school or college
- Volunteering or work experience with an employer in this sector
- Help with the garden at home or looking after indoor plants
- Taking photos of the flowers or produce you grow
- Volunteer with community garden projects
- Speaking to unfamiliar people in the community

OUR  
EMPLOYERS  
said



Key things required for working in Horticulture are, attitude and passion for learning, patience, persistence and determination, communication and team work

*'Work hard, be yourself and don't be afraid to go that extra mile'* Ben, Thatchers Cider  
*'We do lots of practical work out here, lots of habitat management'*  
Sarah, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

*'The job and responsibility is looking after the countryside around us, so we're very conscientious'*  
Tom Kimber, Farmer

## The Seven Magnificent Skills

1  
Positive  
Attitude

2  
Resilience

3  
Communication

4  
Problem  
Solving

5  
Willingness  
to learn

6  
Self-  
Management

7  
Team  
Work