

# Purpose Statement

## Entry Level 3 Award and Certificate in Introductory Conservation Skills

The primary purpose of this qualification is to prepare you for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area. The practical nature of the units will introduce you to the conservation sector and give you some of the practical skills and knowledge required to pursue a related career. The qualifications will lead to the development of skills which are necessary to protect the UK's natural environment and includes activities designed to develop skills relevant for managing our landscapes, habitats, species and access to our countryside.

### Who is it for?

- Learners who are starting to think about future employment opportunities in Conservation
- Learners who have been disengaged from learning and are exploring opportunities for further learning and employment

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to complete 9 credits and commit to 90 hours of learning. To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 16 credits and commit to 160 hours of learning.

You will need to complete 2 mandatory units:

- Health and Safety in a Practical Environment
- Using and Maintaining Tools Used in Conservation

You will then have a choice of units from Optional Unit Group B and Optional Unit Group C. Examples of units include:

- Edging and Repairing a Footpath
- Environmental Awareness
- Get to Know Woodlands
- Observing and Encouraging Birds
- Developing Self
- Knowing Your Local Area

## **What are the Entry Requirements?**

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 11+.

There are no other restrictions on learner entry and no specific prior achievements required.

## **What are the Progression Opportunities?**

The Open Awards Entry Level Award in Introductory Conservation Skills (Entry 3) has been specifically developed to enable progression to a higher level qualification, including:

- Level 1 Award and Certificate in Conservation (RQF)
- Level 1 Award in Horticulture Skills (RQF)

You may choose to progress onto a higher level employability qualification, including:

- Level 1 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (RQF)

You may also choose to progress onto a **Traineeship**.

A Traineeship is a study programme designed to support progression onto an apprenticeship and includes:

- Work experience
- Work related training
- Maths/English

## **What are the Assessment Methods?**

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

## **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification has been reviewed with and is supported by training providers and Further Education Colleges.