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Colleges for gamekeeping

Gamekeeping at Walford Campus

WALFORD & NORTH SHROPSHIRE COLLEGE offers Apprenticeships in Gamekeeping & Wildlife Management at Levels 2 and 3.

No qualifications are needed for the Level 2 course, just enthusiasm, motivation to work outdoors and the desire to succeed. Relevant experience is useful but not essential.

The progression rates into employment for both courses are very good and, after Level 3, progression onto full-time Degree Level Education is also possible.

These courses can be started at any time of the year and interested individuals are invited to contact Richard Norbury on 01939 262172 for an informal discussion and a tour of the facilities.



Family of three gamekeepers who trained at WNSC: Sean, Aaron and Luke Duffy.

Gamekeeping prize winners at Wiltshire College Lackham

THREE GAMEKEEPING STUDENTS WITH VERY different ambitions have won prizes at this summer's Lackham Celebration of Success. All three had been studying for an Extended Diploma in Countryside Management at Wiltshire College Lackham. William Creamer was voted

Beat Captain of the Year for his ability to marshal the line on the college shoot days and is now heading to the Royal Agricultural University to study for a BSc Rural Land Management.

This year's Bright Seeds Game Management Student of the Year was

Samuel Butcher. Sam was commended for his excellent academic and practical skills and his superb attitude to both college and professional game management. Sam is taking a gap year to work in deer management before taking a degree in Wildlife Management in 2014.

Kieran Hale was the college's 2012/2013 Gamekeeper of the Season, voted by both students and staff for his outstanding contribution to the Lackham College Shoot. Kieran has now taken up a gamekeeping position in New Zealand.

Liam Stokes, Curriculum Manager for Countryside Management at Wiltshire College Lackham, commented: "We are extremely proud of all of these students' accomplishments and we wish them the very best in the future."

Wiltshire College Lackham offers both one and two year programmes in Countryside Management and Gamekeeping, at levels 2, 3 and Foundation Degree. All are vocational courses heavily involved in the management of Lackham's 700 hectare estate, our student-run shoot and commercial coarse fishery. Contact liam.stokes@wiltshire.ac.uk for more information.

L-R: William Creamer, Samuel Butcher, Liam Stokes and Kieran Hale.



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Sparsholt's enviable reputation

SUPERB FACILITIES AND EXCEPTIONAL LINKS mean that Sparsholt College has an enviable reputation in the industry as a centre for the training and development of outstanding students. Skills are developed to a very high standard by the use of on-site facilities, local and national estates, exciting work placements and study tours. Sparsholt College has offered gamekeeping courses for over 40 years and complements the full-time courses with a suite of part-time options such as deer stalking certificates, butchery and shotgun safety. For more information about the courses on offer at Sparsholt College please visit www.sparsholt.ac.uk



Commercially-run farm at Hartpury

HARTPURY'S COMMERCIALY-RUN HOME Farm is the setting for all of the college's game and land-based programmes. Its 360-hectare estate is the classroom and students have the opportunity to get involved in every aspect of estate operations such as gamekeeping and shoot duties. Work experience is an essential element.

The courses developed at Hartpury focus on practical learning and offer a progression route into employment or the

qualifications needed for university. So if you want to be a gamekeeper or help to look after the countryside and wildlife, then Hartpury can offer you the right course to get there. For more informa-

tion, visit www.hartpury.ac.uk or email enquire@hartpury.ac.uk or ring Course Enquiries on 01452 702345.

COLLEGES AND COURSES

There are a number of colleges and educational establishments offering courses related to the skills of gamekeeping. There are courses to suit every aspiration and all lead to professional qualifications which will enhance your prospects of working in the industry.

The NGO Educational Trust publishes a list on its website to give you an idea of what is available near your location. Before deciding on your course, please visit:

WWW.GAMEKEEPERSTRUST.ORG.UK/GAMEKEEPERS-AND-LAND-MANAGERS/COLLEGE-COURSES

