

# Diploma in Social and Therapeutic Horticulture

## FAQs

### 1. Do I have to attend all the face to face sessions?

We hope that people will attend the face to face sessions but we understand that as adults things can appear without warning which makes it impossible for you to attend certain sessions. We will course do our best to support you on any missed sessions. Obviously by not attending you will put yourself at a disadvantage, but because of the nature of adult learning there is never an even playing field.

### 2. Do I have to attend the first week?

We would expect people to attend the first week as this will be important in developing connections and relationship with tutors as well as with other students that could be your support network throughout the course.

### 3. Will all the sessions be held in Reading?

There will be approximately 18 days face to face attendance during each year which will be held in our National Office in Reading. You are also encouraged to visit local STH settings on some units as part of the learning which we will advise upon. The sessions will be a mixture of:

- Directed learning
- Self-directed learning
- Online learning
- Classrooms and gardens

4. When can I submit an application?

You can submit an application at any time. The admissions process runs from January to May each year and during this time we will be in touch to discuss your application.

5. What is the closing date for bursary applications?

Closing date for bursary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

6. When will I need to pay?

You can pay in full or yearly, or in 4 installments across the course (paid in January and September each year). We are happy to discuss other payment plans.

7. How much studying time is required each week?

The DipSTH will be scheduled over 2 years with 60 credits (600hours of learning) each year. We would anticipate students spend approximately 15 hours a week over the 40 weeks. Depending on your previous background and experience you may find that some of the units you will need to do more studying while others you may find your experience allows you to complete without too much studying.

8. What if something happens that means I can't continue the course temporarily?

If you miss some of the learning, we will do our best to help you catch up and provide you with the necessary materials to do this. If, however you find that you miss a large percentage of the years' learning it maybe that we postpone your attendance until the following year. We will do our best to support you throughout the course.