

# Diploma in Social and Therapeutic Horticulture

## FQAs

### 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 20 days face to face attendance during the first year which will be mainly held in our National Office in Reading. There will be a 2-3 days that you will be visiting some of your local STH projects. The sessions will be a mixture of:

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

We anticipate less face to face attendance days in the second year.

4. What is the closing date for this year's applications?

Closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

5. What is the closing date for bursary applications?

Closing date for bursary applications is 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

6. When will I need to pay?

The course fee for the full 2 years of learning is £3800. This can be paid in full, yearly or in 4 instalments of £950 in September and January of each year.

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.