

## Peter: An Apprentice's Story

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### CASE STUDY | PETER - AN APPRENTICE'S STORY



Studying for  
Level 2 in Horticulture



Based in  
Lambourne

Peter joined *idverde* in 2018, and is studying for a Level 2 in Horticulture. We chatted to him to learn more about his learning journey and the experience of being an Apprentice at *idverde*.

## What type of Apprenticeship are you doing?

Level 2 in Horticulture

## Why did you decide to do this Apprenticeship?

I decided to do the apprenticeship because I wanted to be more clued up on the job, to broaden my knowledge and know the correct way to become a qualified landscaping gardener. I also wanted to be able to give the correct information back to operatives and also company clients on the ground when they ask questions with regards to landscaping.

## Tell us about a recent day at work

Myself and my operative were planting bare root whips (slender, unbranched shoot or plant) along a site boundary to create a hedge. We planted six per metre as specified on the site key. We managed to plant 163m, cane and guard the native plants, after we prepared the area with a Rotavator machine.

That day I received 10 pallets of mulching bark delivered to site and also had to check the tree root balls were covered in hessian bag as it was quite cold and we weren't going to be able to install the tree in the public open space (POS) until the following day.

Towards the end of the day we cleared up our area of work, packed all tools used on to the back of the van, and headed back to the yard to finish off our day.

## What's an interesting fact you've learned during your Apprenticeship so far?

It was interesting to find out that the biggest family in the world that have been recorded are the Asteraceae family (daisy family) and before they were called Asteraceae family they were called Syn-compositae.

## What are the best (and the worst!) things about being an Apprentice?

The best thing about being an apprentice is that I get to learn all this wonderful information, and it gives me the chance of bettering myself and personal progression to keep me moving forward within my career.

## Why would you recommend people take up an Apprenticeship with idverde?

For their own personal progression.





## What advice would you give to anyone considering doing an Apprenticeship?

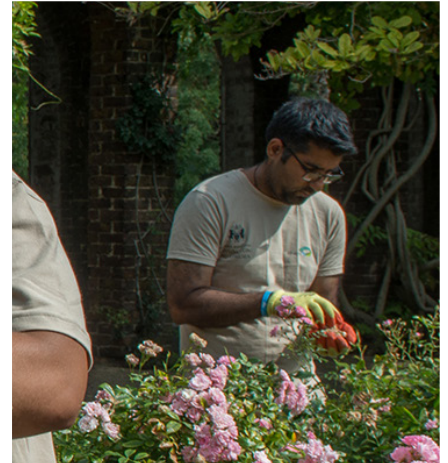
To listen and take it all on board. To digest and try your best to understand the information provided, and if you are unsure about anything to ask the question, so your tutor can give more examples so you understand it.

## Where would you like to be in five years?

I would like to be in a position where I get to the point of coming off the tools and moving into the office, and also maybe in a position where I've taken the right steps to be able to show and teach people the knowledge I've learnt and digested myself by then. By that I hope to help move my colleagues and the company forward and grow.

## What does Peter's tutor say?

He is very engaged and enthusiastic in the subject, which makes it a pleasure to teach him.



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