



# LBS – Maintaining Plants: Weeds

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Land Based Studies	Jacqui Stone	1	Online/flexible

## OVERVIEW

introduction to the skills required to maintain existing plants including weeding.

<b>PHASES</b>	<b>TEACHER GUIDE</b>	<b>STUDENT GUIDE</b>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Be able to safely carry out plant maintenance operations using correct tools and equipment</li><li>2. Be able to correct weed established beds or borders</li></ol>	
<b>INFORMATION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.1 Select the correct tools and equipment used to undertake specific plant maintenance operations</li><li>3.1 Carry out weed removal from established beds and borders</li></ol>	Video – YouTube:  <a href="https://youtu.be/Dmu-yA7PsQ8">https://youtu.be/Dmu-yA7PsQ8</a>
<b>VERIFICATION</b>	Land Based Studies Course – Developing Practical Skills for Maintaining Plants  Unit reference number: L/505/1309	
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	To find a suitable area of garden that contains a mixture of weeds. To select a suitable tool to use, whether that is a hand trowel, hand fork or hoe. To identify and remove weeds as appropriate, including annual or perennial weeds as shown in the video	See You tube video for instructions  To take a photo or video if possible of the activity and email/what's app/text through to <a href="mailto:info@abbertonruraltraining.org">info@abbertonruraltraining.org</a> or through to your tutor to gain credit

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SUMMARY	<p><b>Weeding . . .</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A weed is just a plant in the wrong place!</li> <li>• But you need to remove them, to stop them competing with the plants you want</li> <li>• They are best removed by hand and you can use a hand trowel or fork to help</li> <li>• Knock off any excess soil to retain it for your plants</li> <li>• Most weeds can go on the compost pile if you have one, but large perennial weeds should be burnt or put in the green bin or they will grow back.</li> <li>• Be careful not to damage your plants when weeding and make sure to water them when you have finished to resettle roots</li> <li>• Not all weeds need to be removed, keeping a clump of Dandelions is great for bees (especially at this time of year) and Nettle tea with local honey can be good for hay fever</li> </ul> <p>Don't forget your PPE, especially gloves</p>	<p>Perennial weeds include Dandelions, Nettles and Brambles</p> <p>Annual weeds including "Fat Hen", Chickweed, and Grounset – why not look them up to see what they look like if you can!</p>