

LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS - General Guidance

Landscape professionals can be employed to carry out works at many stages of any project that may have landscape implications. It is recommended to use the services of a professional from an early stage to avoid negative impacts and ensure that new development takes account of the existing landscape character and integrates appropriately into its surroundings.

Landscape Institute

The Landscape Institute Register of Practices is designed:

- To reassure clients that they are dealing with a committed professional
- To match potential clients with the right practitioner (based on the information held on each practice)
- To encourage excellence in professional practice

Registration offers clients a high level of confidence and consumer protection. The Institute is a trusted guide and mark of quality control for anyone seeking to engage a consultant, and a potential source of redress in case of disputes. All registered practices:

- Hold professional indemnity insurance in accordance with prevailing regulations
- Adhere to the Landscape Institute's Code of Conduct
- Comply with Landscape Institute CPD regulations
- Employ one or more Chartered Member who holds full managerial and technical responsibility for the landscape work of the practice or department.

A search of the Midlands region currently provide 45 practices, covering a wide range of services for various schemes.

The website details are: <http://www.landscapeinstitute.org/directory/index.php>

British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)

The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) was established in 1972 as the UK's representative trade association for the landscaping sector. The membership comprises interior and exterior landscapers and designers, grounds maintenance contractors, and companies supplying industry-related products and services. Membership of the Association is only granted to those companies which are able to fulfil the stringent Conditions of Membership, and continuation of Membership depends upon the maintenance of satisfactory standards.

There are currently 10 members registered in or around Herefordshire.

The website details are: http://www.bali.org.uk/membership_directory.