

Royal Botanic Gardens  
**Kew**

## Inspiring futures

### Chris Jenkins

Propagation Supervisor



**I am:** 1. Patient  
2. Collaborative  
3. Organised

**I work in the glasshouses, managing a team of botanical horticulturists. We grow a wide range of plants for the Gardens, Science and Education departments at Wakehurst.**

**I did not go to university. Instead, I studied a two-year, full-time course in horticulture at a local agricultural college.**

**That horticultural course was essential in being able to obtain my job here at Wakehurst.**

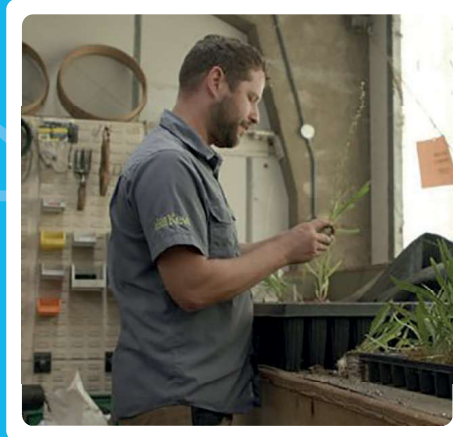
**As well as supervising the team and the administrative work, I am also very hands-on, propagating and planting and working alongside my team.**

**My daily work varies a lot throughout the seasons. It always includes collaborating with colleagues, and leading groups of staff and volunteers to get important jobs finished.**

**A qualification in horticulture and any plant work experience you can get all helps to get a job like mine.**

**I enjoy the magic of propagating plants and the variety of techniques to propagate them. Successfully propagating a particularly tricky plant feels like a hard-earned victory.**

**I love to grow plants with a story – especially rare, unusual ones, or plants that have had a cultural or historic use.**



**Science is important in my work. It underpins my understanding of how to propagate plants successfully. In this way, my team and I are able to produce strong specimens for scientific research and conservation purposes.**

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