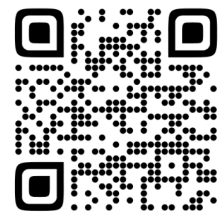


CARLO DI GIORGIO

Head Gardener - Foreman Gardener - Horticultural Specialist



INSTAGRAM

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dynamic hands-on Head Gardener with over 15 years of horticultural experience spanning high-end residential estates, high-rise roof terraces, organic farm management and commercial landscaping. Degree-qualified in Agro-Technology with specialist expertise in irrigation systems, organic gardening, planting design, and sustainable land management. Proven ability to lead diverse teams, enhance operational efficiency, and maintain exceptional horticultural standards at a prestigious London developments. Holds current PA1/PA6 pesticide licences, CSCS green card, and harness/work-at-height certification.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Irrigation Design & Maintenance	Work at Height / Harness Operations	Team Leadership & Supervision
Planting Design & Seasonal Schemes	Health, Safety & COSHH Compliance	Pest, Disease & Weed Management
Roof Terrace & Container Gardening	Use, Maintenance & Safety Garden Machines	Sustainability & Organic Practice

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Head Gardener / Quality & Service Ltd – Holland Park Villas, London W8 / February 2020 – May 2026

Sole qualified gardener responsible for all horticultural operations across a large, multi-core luxury residential estate. Reporting to the Operations Director and liaising daily with the estate's building management team.

Key Responsibilities & Achievements

- Managed the full lifecycle of planting projects across communal courtyards and multi-storey roof terraces, including specification, ordering, installation and aftercare of over 500 hedge plants, seasonal displays, specimen trees and water-feature plantings.
- Designed and executed large-scale roof hedge replacements coordinating delivery logistics and harness-qualified assistance.
- Installed, serviced and repaired a complex automated irrigation system including solenoid valves, battery controllers, drip lines and pressure regulators across six roof levels and all ground-floor zones.
- Independently diagnosed and resolved irrigation faults – including cross-connection investigations, valve fractures, controller errors and contamination issues – minimising plant loss and downtime.
- Led and supervised a rotating team allocating tasks, monitoring quality and reporting progress to management.

- Proactively identified and reported structural and safety hazards preventing resident injury and property damage.
- Managed moat and garden pond providing expert guidance on algae treatment, chemical dosing (bromine/chlorine/algaecide), pump operation and water quality.
- Maintenance of all hard surfaces (courtyards and white stone walls) and drainages using soft wash and hot pressure washing.
- Implementation of composting on site using a shredding machine and a hot compost bin to recycle green waste and reuse it around the site.
- Delivered seasonal bulb-planting programmes (1,850+ tulips annually) and wildflower seeding.
- Maintained detailed written communications with the Operations Director and estate management on all works, materials, quotations and safety matters, ensuring full traceability.
- Applied algaecide, anti-fungal and pest-control treatments in compliance with PA1/PA6 licence requirements and COSHH regulations; recommended and sourced appropriate products.
- Liaised professionally with residents, building managers, specialist contractors and the local authority on TPO applications and conservation-area approvals.

Team Leader - Driver / Bartholomew Landscaping, London / March 2016 – October 2018

Supervised on-site landscaping teams, trained new operatives, and ensured compliance with schedules and Health & Safety policies. Managed client relationships, resolved complaints, and produced reports for management.

- Trained 10+ new operatives, enhancing team efficiency.
- Resolved client complaints promptly, improving satisfaction ratings.
- Delivered weekly reports, providing insights for management decisions.
- Maintained machinery, managed materials and ensured project milestones were met on time.

Runner - Front of House / Tate Modern Members' Lounge, London / July 2015 – March 2016

Delivered high-quality hospitality service in a prestigious cultural venue; responsible for service coordination, stock management and maintaining presentation standards.

Farm Manager / Digio BioCompany Organic Farm, Orbetello, Italy / September 2008 – September 2014

Oversee all farm operations ensuring adherence to biodiversity protocols and environmental regulations.

- Engage with external stakeholders, including government agencies and commercial clients.
- Managed all farm operations including planting schedules, pest/disease control, staff coordination and financial oversight across a certified organic farm.
- Maintained biodiversity protocols, environmental compliance and detailed production records.

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

PA1 & PA6 Safe storage, handling and application of pesticides and herbicides	CSCS Green Card Health & Safety for the construction/grounds industry
Work at Height / Harness Horizontal rail, mansafe lifeline & transfastener systems (refresh 2025)	COSHH Awareness Control of substances hazardous to health in horticultural contexts
Award in Food Safety Level 2 Obtained during food service career	Health & Safety at Work Certificate Industry-standard H&S certification

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

2008	Higher National Diploma in Agro-Technology	<i>Grade: 99/100 (Distinction)</i>
2007	NVQ – Maintenance & Design of Private and Public Gardens	<i>National qualification</i>
2006	Higher National Certificate in Agro-Environment Operations	<i>Technical specialism</i>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Full, clean UK driving licence.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills – accustomed to producing professional reports, specifications and correspondence for clients and management.
- Proven ability to work independently, exercise sound judgement in the absence of supervision, and manage competing priorities under time pressure.
- Committed to sustainable practice: experienced in organic soil management, eco-friendly pest control, compost production and water conservation.
- Enthusiastic about professional development and continually updates knowledge of new products and techniques.