

The Devon Hedge Laying Competition is run by the **Devon Hedge Group** to promote and publicise traditional skills and good practice in hedge management. For further details please visit [www.devonhedges.org](http://www.devonhedges.org)



The **Devon Hedge Group** works to foster support for hedge conservation in Devon, particularly through promoting management that optimises the value of hedges for farming, wildlife, landscape, archaeological and cultural purposes, whilst acknowledging practical farming constraints.

The Devon Hedge Laying Competition is sponsored by **Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAG South West)**, an independent charity managed by farmers for the benefit of the farming community. FWAG South West seeks to support, enthuse and inspire fellow farmers to value the environmental assets on their land and use them to secure sustainable and profitable businesses for the future. For further details please visit [www.fwagsw.org.uk](http://www.fwagsw.org.uk) or phone 01823 660684



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# Devon Hedge Laying Competition 2016/17



Prizes to be won by farmers and contract hedge layers who carry out good quality hedge laying in Devon for the benefit of farming, wildlife and the landscape.

**Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> £250, 2<sup>nd</sup> £125, 3<sup>rd</sup> £75**

Entries must include **photographs**, preferably before and after (write your name on the back, if paper copies).

The hedge must have been laid during the winter of 2016/17. The judges will be looking for a combination of the following criteria - stockproofness, regrowth, traditional style, difficulty, wildlife value, presence of hedgerow trees and overall appearance. The hedge must include a bank and should include casting up and/or bank restoration, if necessary.

Minimum entry of 50m of laid hedge.

Only one hedge entry per person.

The prize money will be given to the person who carried out the work. The landowner's permission to enter should be obtained.

The judges will use the photos/information supplied to draw up a **shortlist** of holdings to be visited. If you would like any paper copies submitted returned to you please include a **SAE**.

Please supply a plan or a grid reference of the location of the hedge entered.

**Short listed entries** will be notified by end April and judging will be in the middle of May.

## DEVON HEDGE LAYING COMPETITION 2016/17 ENTRY FORM

Hedge Layer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Mob \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hedge Owner (if different to above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Mob \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Hedge Location Grid Ref \_\_\_\_\_ Plan attached ? \_\_\_\_\_

No. photos submitted, max 6, resized to less than 1MB each \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the competition? \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit entries by **21st April 2017** by e-mail to

hedges@devon.gov.uk or by post to Tom Hynes, North Devon Biosphere,  
Taw View, North Walk, Barnstaple EX31 1EE