

The Devon Hedge Competition is run by the **Devon Hedge Group** and **FWAG South West** to promote and publicise traditional skills and good practice in hedge management.



The **Devon Hedge Group** aims to work together 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 and Wildlife Advisory Group South West (FWAG South West) is an independent charity managed by farmers for the benefit of the farming community. FWAG South West seeks to support, enthuse & inspire fellow farmers to value the environmental assets on their land & use them to secure a sustainable & profitable businesses for the future.



The **Exmoor Hedge Competition** is run by Exmoor National Park Authority in partnership with the Devon and Somerset Hedge Groups and is generously supported by the Exmoor Trust. It has similar aims, prizes and rules to the Devon Hedge Competition. For further information visit www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk or phone 01398 323665.

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Devon Hedge Competition 2015/16



Prizes to be won by farmers, contractors and novice hedge layers in Devon who carry out good quality work on hedges for the benefit of farming, wildlife and the landscape.



Prizes: 1st £250, 2nd £125, 3rd £75

In all classes entries must include **photographs**, preferably before and after (write your name and class on the back, if paper copies).

Class 1, Best Laid Hedge in Devon, Open Class

The hedge must have been laid during the winter of 2015/16. 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.

Class 2 Best Laid Hedge in Devon, Novice Class

The work must have been carried out by someone who has learnt to lay hedges since September 2011. The hedge must have been laid during the winter of 2015/16. Pairs of novices may enter this class. The hedge will be marked using the same criteria as class 1.

Only one entry per person per class. Winners of the Devon Hedge Competition Open Class from the last three years are not permitted to enter.

The prize money will be given to the person who carried out the work. The owner'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 the photos returned 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.

ENTRY FORM- Circle the class to be entered: 1 2

Course(s) attended if entering class 2 _____

Hedge Owner/Farmer _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel _____ Mob _____

E-mail _____

Hedge Location Grid Ref _____ Plan attached ? _____

Hedge Layer (if different from above) _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel _____ Mob _____

Email _____

Number of photos attached _____

How did you hear about the competition? _____

Completed entries should be submitted by **18th April 2016**, to: hedges@devon.gov.uk or

FWAG SW, Deer Park Farm, Farley Hill, Chudleigh TQ13 0NH