

## The Cotswolds AONB Hedgelaying Competition

Date: Saturday 18th November 2017

Location: Workham Farm, Fifield, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire,  
OX7 6HS



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<b>Competition Class</b>	
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I have read the rules of the competition and I agree to be bound by them (delete as appropriate)

Yes

No

Please return the completed form no later than Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to [edward.bonn@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:edward.bonn@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or by post to:

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## Competition Classes and Rules

NOTE: THE USE OF CHAINSAWS IS NOT PERMITTED AT THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION



### Classes

- **Class 1 - Open**  
Open to anyone with experience of hedgelaying.
- **Class 2 - Intermediate**  
Intermediates are those who have NOT WON THIS CLASS TWICE or been placed in an open or veteran class.
- **Class 3 - Junior, Beginners and Novice**  
Juniors to be 21 years or under on the day of the competition.  
Beginners are classed as those who have not entered a competition before.  
Novices are those who have NOT WON THIS CLASS TWICE or been placed in an open or veteran class.  
Competitors who have WON THIS CLASS TWICE must compete in class 1, 2 or 4.
- **Class 4 - Veterans**  
Competitors having attained their 60th birthday on or before the day of the competition will qualify for the Veterans class.
- **Class 5 - Beginners pairs**  
Any two people who have little experience of hedgelaying.

### Rules

- Classes 1 and 2 to cut and lay up to 10 yards. Classes 3, 4 and 5 to cut and lay up to 8 yards.
- The draw for sections will take place at 8.40am and laying will commence at 9.00am.
- Hedging must finish at 2.00pm, when competitors must stand away from their section and final judging will take place.
- Competitors will lay the section drawn and will not be allowed to change sections.
- Each competitor is to lay off their number and work to the next highest number.
- Competitors to lay the hedge in the Midland style, using only stakes and heatherings provided by the organisers.
- The finished height to the top of the heatherings must be 3'6".
- The use of unnecessary and excessive deadwood will be penalised.
- Competitors will be expected to provide their own equipment and tools.

- **NO CHAINSAWS ALLOWED**
- **Judging**

Will be on a points basis as follows:

- Cut and pleach 35
- Stake and heatherings 25
- Back of hedge 20
- General appearance 20

100 points maximum. The judge's decision is final.

## **Prizes**

### **Class 1 - Open**

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £50

2nd - £25

3rd - £15

### **Class 2 - Intermediate**

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £40

2nd - £25

3rd - £15

### **Class 3 - Junior, Beginners and Novice**

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £30

2nd - £20

3rd - £10

### **Class 4 - Veterans**

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £40

2nd - £25

3rd - £15

### **Class 5 - Beginners pairs**

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £30

2nd - £20

3rd - £10

All competitors to receive certificates.

Cutting money of £10 per section, will be paid to each competitor/team completing their section,

Prize money will be a cheque forwarded in the post.