

The Eighth North East Hedgelaying Match

Sunday 14th October 2018

closing date
7TH October 2017

**Thistleyhaugh Farm
Longhorsley
Northumberland
NE65 8RG**

The venue will be signposted from the
A697 approx two miles North from
Longhorsley

*B & B : Try Thistleyhaugh B + B or Granby Inn
at Longframlington*

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Thistleyhaugh Farm lies to the North of Longhorsley and consists of over seven hundred acres. The main enterprise is the production of organic beef and lamb, alongside an outdoor herd of 1800 pigs as well as 7000 head of organic poultry. The hedges being cut in the competition were planted in 2008 under the Countryside Stewardship scheme and have grown vigorously. The hedge is rich in variety, mainly hawthorn with some hazel and blackthorn.

With grateful thanks to our sponsors

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Safety Notice

Neither the organisers or any of their agents accept any liability for loss, damage or injuries sustained at this event.

Whilst all reasonable precautions are taken to ensure safety, entry to the event is entirely at each individuals own risk

Please obey all signs and follow any instructions given by the site personnel

A responsible adult must accompany children at all times

Please ensure your vehicle is locked. Do not leave valuable items in the vehicle

SAFETY ASSEMBLY POINT :: In case of emergency go to the safety assembly point which is clearly marked on site. Sound the claxon.

A minor injuries first aid kit is available on site

*Lunch will be provided for
cutters at 2-30pm
followed by PRIZE GIVING*

CLASSES & PRIZES

Class 1 Novice, any style

Not open to cutters who have won a Novice class
7 yards length. Competitors may not use chainsaws.

1st prize £40 and the Kathy Matthew Memorial Trophy
2nd prize £30 3rd prize £20 best lady £25 if two or more entries in class
If more than 10 entries received, additional prizes to be given
Special prizes : Best Local Cutter living within a radius of 30 miles of the event.

Prince's Trust sponsorship :: Each cutter in this class will receive cutting money of £25 per entrant which is sponsored by HRH Prince of Wales' Prince's Trust fund.

The Kathy Matthew Memorial Trophy has been generously donated to North East Hedgelaying by Kathy's husband Clive. Kathy was a passionate supporter of the education and training of young people. Always ready with encouraging words for beginners, Kathy's trophy is fittingly awarded to the first Novice.

Class 2 Intermediate, any style (*this class will be run subject to sufficient entries, otherwise entrants will be allocated to Novice or Open depending on competition record to date - please complete section on entry form*).

Open to cutters who have won a Novice class and who have not been placed in the first 3 in an Open Class. 7 yards length. Competitors may not use chainsaws.

1st prize £40 and the Thrusters' Trophy
2nd prize £30 3rd prize £20

If more than 10 entries received, additional prizes to be given
Special prizes : Best Local Cutter living within a radius of 30 miles of the event.
Trophy given by Karen Gray and daughters in thanks for all the hedges they've jumped out hunting!

Class 3 Open, any style

8 yards length.

1st prize £50 and the Andrew Adams Perpetual Challenge Trophy
2nd prize £40 3rd prize £30
Cash prizes to 3rd. If more than 10 entries received, additional prizes to be given
Special prize for Best Cutter 25 years of age or under.

Andrew Adams, Past President of the National Hedgelaying Society, founder of the Meynell Hedgelaying, Durham Hedgelaying and North East Hedgelaying competitions, has generously donated this silver trophy which he designed and commissioned and which is modelled on his own goshook.

Best re-growth from hedges laid during the previous year's competition.

The David and Pam Wood trophy will be presented for the best re-growth from 2017.

The Best length laid in Northumberland style.

A trophy will be presented to the cutter laying the best length in "Northumberland style" in any class.

Rules

1. Classes may be cancelled or amalgamated at the discretion of the Steward.
2. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry at their discretion.
3. Competitors are to lay the length drawn starting from their number and working towards the next highest number. They will be told which way to lay the hedge and on which side to leave the waste. Each length cut must join its neighbour.
4. The time limit for competitors will be 5 hours; 9am to 2pm. The draw will be held at 8.45am. There will be no clearing up time & competitors working past this time may not be judged.
5. Competitors may receive assistance in specific circumstances from stewards and other competitors. However if a Steward feels that non-essential assistance is being received, after one warning the competitor will be disqualified.
6. Competitors have a duty of care to themselves and other competitors with regard to safe working practice and must comply with Health and Safety Regulations.
7. 'Deadwood' use must be kept to a minimum—excessive use may be penalised by the judge.
8. Competitors competing as a pair in the novice class will be paid prize money per pair.

9. Winners of this event's Novice class may not compete in the Novice class at this event again.
10. All trophies presented are perpetual and cannot be won outright and are held for a maximum 12 month period. The winner must take personal responsibility for the safekeeping of the trophy including insurance, guaranteeing to return it by the date specified and confirm their acceptance of these terms by signing for the trophy on the day.
11. Judging will be on a points basis and the decision of the Judge is final!

The Seventh North East Hedgelaying Match Entry Form

NAME:

CLASS No:

ADDRESS:

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..... **POSTCODE:**

ARE YOU LOCAL (within 30 miles of the event?) Y/N

HAVE YOU BEEN PLACED 1ST / 2ND / 3RD IN ANY COMPETITIONS?

STATE WHICH AND MOST RECENT

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL please include an email address

D.O.B: (if under 25)

PLEASE STATE WHICH STYLE OF HEDGELAYING YOU WILL CUT

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WILL YOU BRING YOUR OWN

BINDERS? YES / NO

STAKES? YES / NO

(nb : binders and stakes will be supplied to competitors who choose not to bring their own)

All entries to be sent to:

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entries close on 7th October 2017

please send by email if possible

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