



## COTSWOLD HEDGELAYING COMPETITION

2024

By kind permission of the Trustees of the HDH Wills Trust @ Fulwell Ditchley Park, we are delighted to announce the revival of the Cotswold Hedge Laying Competition.

The event will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October starting at 9.00am.

There will be no entrance fee and stakes and binders will be provided.

We are particularly keen to encourage novice cutters who may feel more confident working in pairs to the Cotswold Competition.

It is intended that we have a Novice class, Novice Pairs class, an Intermediate class and an Open class.

Those applying for the open class must have won at least two intermediate competitions previously.

The Cotswold Hedge Laying event started in 2000 at Long Compton and has always been a well respected, competition with many top cutters in attendance.

Food and drink will be provided free of charge and £20 cutting money will be awarded.

Please complete the entrance form attached and e-mail it to [cotswoldcompetition@proton.me](mailto:cotswoldcompetition@proton.me)



# Cotswold Hedgelaying Competition – Entry Form

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Ditchley Estate, Ditchley, Chipping Norton

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The competition is divided into four classes; **Novice** (*those who have not won this class before*), **Novice Pairs**, **Intermediate**, and **Open** (*those with experience of hedgelaying*). Each competitor will be expected to lay, stake and bind a length of hedge in Midland style within the competition time limit. The difficulty and length of hedge varies, ranging from 7m for Novices to 10m for Intermediate and Open.

Competitors should report at 8.30am for instructions and the draw for lengths. The competition will start at 9.00am and finish at 2.pm. Stakes and binders will be provided.

Refreshments and drinks will be provided free of charge on the day for competitors only. Tea and coffee will be available to non-competitors for a charge.

Individual competitors will receive a £20 cutting fee each.  
Pairs will receive a £20 cutting fee per pair.

**Prizes for All Classes:**

- First prize                £75
- Second Prize            £50
- Third Prize                £25

**All competitors winning a cash prize will also get their £20 cutting fee.**

**Judging will be completed on a points basis:**

Cut & Pleach	35 points
Stake & Bind	25 points
Back of Hedge	20 points
General Appearance	20 points

Completed entry forms should be returned to:

Cotswold Hedgelaying Group c/o  
20 Abbey View, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, GL54 5QZ  
or emailed to: [cotswoldcompetition@proton.me](mailto:cotswoldcompetition@proton.me)

The closing for entries is **Friday 11th October 2024**

**CHAINSAWS & SAFETY**

Competitors may use chainsaws (**Top handle saws will not be permitted**) provided they wear personal protection equipment (PPE): chainsaw trousers, chainsaw gloves, boots and chainsaw helmet. The Novice Class is not expected to use chainsaws but may do so if they abide by the conditions above.

The organisers carry public liability insurance but have no insurance for personal accidents and cannot accept responsibility for such accidents.

**Competitors are reminded that by signing the entry form they have agreed to comply with current Health & Safety regulations when using a chainsaw.**

**ENTRY FORM**

Name(s): 1. ....  
2. ....

Signed: .....

**NOVICE / NOVICE PAIRS / INTERMEDIATE / OPEN**  
*Please circle/highlight/underline as applicable*

Chainsaw Cert No & Awarding Body.....

Dietary requirements: .....

Any medical condition we should be made aware of:  
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Address: .....

Telephone: .....

Mobile: .....

Email: .....

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** .....

Name: .....

Relationship to you: .....

Telephone number: .....