

Devon Rural Skills Trust



DEVON HEDGE STEEPING COMPETITION

Saturday 12th October 2024

**By kind permission of Mr and Mrs A
Dommet**

**At:- Culvertor Farm, Farthing
Lane, Marldon, Devon. TQ3 1RR**

Grid ref. Map SX 861 626

09.30 to 14.30

Event will be sign posted.

PRIZES

Open Class	1 st prize £60 and trophy 2 nd prize £45 3 rd prize £35
Intermediate Class	1 st prize £50 and trophy 2 nd prize £40 3 rd prize £30
Novice Class	1 st prize £45 and trophy 2 nd prize £35 3 rd prize £25
Di Smurthwaite Cup	For best work by a lady in any class

Application Form

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....

Email address.....

Class of entry.....

Please send entry forms by 2nd October to:- Tim Wills, 30, Jordan Street, Buckfastleigh, Devon.TQ11 0AU. Tel 07802 431 287
email :- timgwills12@gmail.com

No late entries accepted

Are you happy to be photographed? **Yes / No**

Conditions of Entry

Competitors must cut and steep in the Devon style the following distances

Open	10 yards
Intermediate	8 yards
Novices	6 yards

The site will be open from 08.30. On arrival competitors must register to draw their length number on a “first come first served basis”. The competition will start at 09.30 prompt, no allowance will be made for latecomers. Veterans (over 60) may enter either the open or intermediate class.

Only natural crooks may be used. Some crooks may be available on the day but competitors are strongly advised to bring their own. No chainsaws are to be used. Chainsaw operators will be available for each class. Cutting money will be paid to non prize winners completing their lengths.

Each competitor to steep the length drawn starting from their number and working towards the next highest number. Each competitor to lay off the first few steepers for the next competitor to use. A **short ladder** may be useful on the bank.

Judging will be on a points basis.

50 points max.	Quality of cutting, finish of cut stool, lack of splitting.
20 points max.	Selection and best use of crooks leading to overall strength of finished hedge.
30 points max.	General appearance and quality-neatness of finished hedge/brash pile and effectiveness as a stock-proof barrier.

Health and Safety

DRST carry a legal liability insurance but it has no insurance for personal accidents to competitors and cannot accept responsibility for such. Competitors are asked to observe safe working practices. A professional photographer will be on site during the day. Please share transport if possible, thank you..

Contacts- Tim Wills 07802 431 287 or Chris Stanton 07821 489 351.