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# Hedgelaying Competition – Entry Form

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

Cothelstone Estate, Cothelstone, near Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 3DP

**Grid reference: ST17623111**

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

Competitors should report at 9am for instructions and the draw for lengths. The competition will start at 9.30am and finish at 2.45pm. Hedges should be laid in the **Devon style** (*horizontally laid stems (steppers) using crooks set at an angle to secure the finished length (please no baler twine)*). A limited number of crooks will be available on the day for the Novice Class. Would competitors in the Open Class please bring their own crooks.

Hot food 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. As the competition is held on a working farm, please keep dogs on a lead.

**Individual competitors will receive a £15 cutting fee each. Pairs will receive a £15 cutting fee per pair.**

**Prizes for Novice and Open Classes:**

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

**All competitors winning a cash prize will also get their £15 cutting fee.**

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

Quality of cutting, finish of cut stool and absence of splitting	50 points
Selection and best use of crooks leading to overall hedge strength*	40 points
General appearance, quality and neatness of the finished hedge; its effectiveness as a stock barrier and tidiness of the working area	10 points

*\*Note - Crooks must have been used to secure the finished hedge for these marks to be awarded*

Completed entry forms should be returned to:  
Somerset Hedge Group c/o FWAG SW,  
Hawkridge House, Summerfield Way,  
Chelston Business Park, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 9JE  
or emailed to: [info@somerset-hedgegroup.org.uk](mailto:info@somerset-hedgegroup.org.uk)

**The closing for entries is Friday 15th November 2024**

**ENTRY FORM**

Name(s): 1. ....

2. ....

Signed: .....

**NOVICE            NOVICE PAIRS            OPEN**

*Please circle as applicable*

Dietary requirements: .....

Any medical condition we should be made aware of:

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Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Mobile: .....

Email: .....

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

Name: .....

Relationship to you: .....

Telephone number: .....

**CHAINSAWS & SAFETY**

Competitors may use chainsaws 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.

Competitors without chainsaws, or those without PPE will be able to call upon the assistance of chainsaw stewards.

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.**