



DORSET Style Factsheet

Dorset Hedge is normally laid on top of a bank. It is kept low to the bank, tightly woven in with itself. Thin flexible rods called "bonds" are used to secure it both internally and by hooping over it externally if required. Occasionally crooks are also used. The finished hedge is a half barrel shape about 2' 6" - 3' high.

Technical Requirements

Sides of bank or surrounding area has been cleared. Definitive hedge line is clearly left.

Pleaching is good and clean and hedge has been built low and well secured, both with its self and with internal bonds, used only as and where required and hidden from view. Any external bonds are running at approximately 30 degrees with the hedge and blending in well and serving their purpose well with no gaps underneath, maybe even lost/hidden by following pleachers. Bonds are either pushed well into the ground or tucked under pleachers on one side and passed over to the other side but are very strong and secure. Cuts are good and clean with heels removed following the line of the pleached stem. Sides and top are trimmed up leaving an almost ½ barrel shape.

The finished height determined by the lay of the land but between 2.5 -3 foot depending on material available.

