



# Lancashire and Westmorland Style Factsheet

**Lancashire & Westmorland style** hedges are expected to be stockproof on both sides immediately after laying. The style conceals the cut wood where the new shoots will come from, to stop sheep and rabbits nibbling the regrowth. The centre of the hedge should be open enough to allow new shoots to come through. Stakes are on both sides and shouldn't stand out. They are placed about 18" apart on alternate sides of the hedge with the pleachers laid between them at approximately 45°. and the hedge finished to a height of at least 3' 6". The hedge is trimmed to be square cut on top and sides.

## Technical Requirements

Width of the hedge approx. 0.7 meter wide. The hedge finished to a height of 1 meter high.

Stakes are placed about 0.5 meter apart on alternate sides of the hedge not above the top line with the pleacher laid between, at approx. 45°.

The pleachers are laid to both sides between the stakes and not crossing over and the brush cut to cover the stakes. The cuts should be long enough to bend the pleacher, without damaging the bark, according to the diameter of the pleacher.

The hedge is square but feathered brush on the side and top (flying brush). The centre of the hedge is slightly lighter than the rest of the hedge so that the regrowth from the heels can grow through without damage from sheep nibbling the shoots. Brush should be evenly placed to both sides, from top to bottom with no gaps in the bottom. There should be no dead wood.

