Lancashire & Westmorland Style Hedge Details

- Pleaches to be laid in the same direction at an angle of 40° - 45°.
- Finished hedge to be 3 feet high and 30 – 36 inches wide.
- Brushwood to the front and back edges.
- Hedge to be staked with a double line of stakes, staggered at one yard spacing.
- Competitors will be penalised for excessive use of dead wood in their completed section.

Please Note:

- First Aid will be provided by the organisers.
- The organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident or theft or damage to any vehicle brought onto the site, however caused.
- Pitches are limited. Registration on the day cannot be guaranteed.
- This is a No chainsaw competition.

Thank you to Garstang Millennium Green for hosting this year’s event.

The Competition is sponsored by Wyre Borough Council, Myerscough College, The Lancashire and Westmorland Hedge laying Association.

Wyre and Myerscough College Annual Hedge laying Competition and Workshop

‘Encouraging the careful management of hedges in the landscape’

Garstang Millennium Green
Saturday 18th January 2014

9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Hedge Laying Competition Classes

◊ **Championship**  For those placed in the top 5 in the Grand Prix for the last three seasons. - To complete an **8 metre stint.**
◊ **Open**  Open to All. - To complete a **7 metre stint.**
◊ **Novice**  For beginners and anyone new to the competitions. - To complete a **6 metre stint.**
◊ **Juniors**  For under 18’s. - To complete a **6 metre stint.**

Hedge Laying Prizes

**Trophies for:**
- Each Class Winner
- Best Hedger Overall
- Best Summer Re-growth

**Cash prizes for each class:**
- 1st £40
- 2nd £30
- 3rd £25

& Best Summer Re-growth £25

◊ **The competition is part of a series of six competitions in the Lancashire & Westmorland Hedgelaying Grand Prix and a £6 Grand Prix registration fee is to be paid at the first competition you attend, which covers all competitions.**

◊ **Lunch and Brew Arrangements** - Hot food and drinks will be supplied during the day but feel free to bring your own refreshments,

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**Competition Rules**

1. To be eligible for judging, the work must be that of the named competitor only.
2. The hedge will be laid in the Lancashire and Westmorland style. Details of which are listed overleaf. Details can also be obtained from the Steward on site.
3. Each competitor’s section of hedge must join with the next section.
4. Competitors must have some knowledge of hedge laying as it is intended that the final product will be of advantage to the farmer.
5. The hedge will be judged as a living stock proof hedge.
6. The use of dead wood must be strictly limited.
7. No coping is allowed.
8. Judging will take place at the time of the competition.
9. The judge’s decision will be final.
10. Competitors will be expected to provide their own tools and equipment.
11. Power tool users must comply with the relevant Health & Safety Regulations (last minute entrants must bring their certificate of competence with them).
12. Safety clothing must be worn, whilst working on the hedge.
13. Stakes will be provided by the organisers, which competitors must use.
14. The draw for the lengths will be made at 9.15am and the competition will finish at 3.30pm. The steward will notify the competitors if the times are to be altered in any way.
15. The competitors must lay the hedge that they draw.

**Workshop**

A FREE workshop, for complete Beginners, will be held on the day, where you can try your hand at this ancient rural skill, under the expert guidance of a professional.

**Booking for the workshop is essential on 01995 602125**