

Cotswolds AONB Hedgelaying Championship 2019

Date: Saturday 9th November 2019

Hosted by Frandor Farm, Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxon,
OX15 5RR.



IMPORTANT: Please note that the hedgerow for this year's competition is in close proximity to the Norman Knight Pub in Whichford, near Banbury, and further directions to the competition site will be provided via signage on the day of the competition.

The address for the Norman Knight pub is as follows: Ascott Road, Whichford, nr Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 5PE.

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

Competition Class	
Date of Birth (for NHL Award Scheme*)	
I confirm that I have the professional qualifications for usage of any power tools such as chainsaws.	Signature: Date:

PRIZES AND CUTTING MONEY: BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

To avoid any administrative delays, all prizes and cutting money will be transferred electronically via BACS after the competition.

Full information about these prizes and cutting money can be found in the Competition Rules included in this information pack.

Please provide bank account details (account name, account number and sort-code) in the following fields.

Bank Account Name	
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Bank Account Number (8 digit number on bank card: 12345678)	
Sort-code (6 digit number on bank card: 31-82-43)	

I have read the rules of the competition and I agree to be bound by them (delete as appropriate)

Yes

No

Please return the completed form no later than Friday 1st November 2019 to ruralskills@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or by post to:

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Competition Classes and Rules

NOTE: THE USE OF CHAINSAWS IS PERMITTED
AT THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION



Classes

- **Class 1 - Open**
Open to anyone with experience of hedgelaying.
- **Class 2 - Intermediate**
Intermediates are those who have NOT WON THIS CLASS TWICE or been placed in an open or veteran class.
- **Class 3 - Junior, Beginners and Novice**
Juniors to be 21 years or under on the day of the competition.
Beginners are classed as those who have not entered a competition before.
Novices are those who have NOT WON THIS CLASS TWICE or been placed in an open or veteran class.
Competitors who have WON THIS CLASS TWICE must compete in class 1, 2 or 4.
- **Class 4 - Veterans**
Competitors having attained their 60th birthday on or before the day of the competition will qualify for the Veterans class.
- **Class 5 - Beginners pairs**
Any two people who have little experience of hedgelaying.

Rules

- Classes 1 and 2 to cut and lay up to 10 yards. Classes 3, 4 and 5 to cut and lay up to 8 yards.
- The draw for sections will take place at 8.40am and laying will commence at 9.00am.
- Hedging must finish at 2.00pm, when competitors must stand away from their section and final judging will take place.
- Competitors will lay the section drawn and will not be allowed to change sections.
- Each competitor is to lay off their number and work to the next highest number.
- Competitors to lay the hedge in the Midland style, using only stakes and heatherings provided by the organisers.
- The finished height to the top of the heatherings must be 3'6".
- The use of unnecessary and excessive deadwood will be penalised.
- Competitors will be expected to provide their own equipment

and tools.

- **CHAINSAWS ALLOWED – ALL COMPETITORS IN CLASSES 3 AND 5 MUST BRING CERTIFICATES AND/OR CARDS FOR CHAINSAW QUALIFICATIONS IF INTENDED TO USE CHAINSAWS**

Judging

Will be on a points basis as follows:

- Cut and pleach 35
- Stake and heatherings 25
- Back of hedge 20
- General appearance 20

100 points maximum. The judge's decision is final.

Prizes

Class 1 - Open

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £50

2nd - £25

3rd - £15

Class 2 - Intermediate

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £40

2nd - £25

3rd - £15

Class 3 - Junior, Beginners and Novice

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £30

2nd - £20

3rd - £10

Class 4 - Veterans

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £40

2nd - £25

3rd - £15

Class 5 - Beginners pairs

1st - A trophy (held for one year) and £30

2nd - £20

3rd - £10

All competitors will receive certificates.

Cutting money of £10 per section, will be paid to each competitor/team completing their section.

Prize money will be transferred via BACS immediately following the competition, to avoid any administrative delays. More information can be found on page 1 of this information pack.