



Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society



Countryside Day

Sunday 15th February 2026

Mid-Somerset Showground, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4GF



**ANNUAL HEDGELAYING COMPETITION • VINTAGE
TRACTOR RUN • LAND ROVER MEET • GUN DOG
SCURRY • CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Catering & Parking on site

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HEDGELAYING COMPETITION

This is an NHLS affiliated competition.

Hedge to be laid in North Somerset/Mendip Style.
The finished hedge should be 2ft6 to 3ft in height.



Class 1: OPEN

Open to experienced/professional hedge layers

Class 2: INTERMEDIATE

Open to novice/amateur hedge layers

Class 3: JUNIOR

Open to hedge layers aged 28 years and under

Special Prizes:

- Best Under 20 years
- Highest placed over 60 years
- Best Local (residing within 12 miles of Shepton Mallet)

Entries Close on Monday 9th February

Enter online via Showing Scene: <https://showingscene.com/events/the-msas-countryside-day-2026-feb-2026>

OR

Complete the attached entry form and return to
secretary@midsomersetshow.org.uk | The Mid-Somerset Showground, Cannard's
Grave Rd, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4GF

ALL ENTRANTS MUST SIGN THE ACCIDENT DISCLAIMER FORM

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HEDGELAYING ENTRY FORM

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Please tick which class you would like to enter:

- Class 1: OPEN
- Class 2: INTERMEDIATE
- Class 3: JUNIOR

FULL NAME:.....

EMAIL:.....

PHONE:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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NEXT OF KIN NAME & CONTACT NUMBER:

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Please tick which of the following (if any) apply to you:

- Aged over 60 years
- Aged under 20 years
- Residing within 12 miles of Shepton Mallet

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE READ THE RULES & SIGNED THE ACCIDENT
DISCLAIMER BELOW.

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RULES FOR HEDGELAYING COMPETITIONS

The term Competitor shall include all persons and their exhibits and equipment taking part in any competition arranged by the Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society.

1. Competition starts at **10.00 am** prompt with all work finished by **3.00 pm**. Late arrivals will be placed in the next available section of their class. All competitors must check in by **9.30 am**.
2. Hedges to be laid in North Somerset/Mendip Style. The finished hedge should be 2ft 6" to 3ft in height.
3. Intermediate is a competitor who has not won 1st prize in any previous Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society Hedge laying Competition.
4. No help must be given to competitors in any way except in Novice classes where verbal advice may be given.
5. Local entries are confined to person's resident within a 12 mile radius of Shepton Mallet Cenotaph. The local class will be the open and novice class combined together. Please ensure you place a tick in the box on the entry form if you are a local.
6. Competitors must comply with Health & Safety Regulations. In respect of the use of Chainsaws the following requirements are for all competitors:
 - To be permitted to use a chainsaw at the competition competitors must hold a current Certificate of Competence. (The need for adequate training IS a legal requirement). The use of top handle saws is not permitted.
 - PPE to current standards must be worn whenever the saw is operated, no matter how short the time or how infrequent that operation may be. Any competitors using a chainsaw without personal protective clothing will be disqualified.
7. Entries are accepted on the basis that all prospective competitors understand and accept the above conditions. The receipt of an entry form from a competitor by email or otherwise is the competitor's confirmation that they accept and will abide by these rules. Entries received by email will be retained on file and classes as being signed in agreement with these rules. Telephone entries will not be accepted.
8. **Disclaimer of Liability:** The term competitor shall include all persons taking part in any competition arranged by the Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society and their exhibits and equipment. The Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society shall not be liable for the death of, or injury to, or any damage to any property of, or any losses or other liability, incurred by the competitor, his servants or agents except where death, injury or loss due to the negligence of the Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society.



ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I hereby assume all of the risks of participating in any/all activities associated with the Hedge Laying Competition on Sunday 15th February 2026 at The Mid-Somerset Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 4GF, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them or the venue (The Mid-Somerset Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 4GF) or because of their possible liability without fault. I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared for participation in this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity. I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the organisers for the activity in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activity. In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby take action for myself, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (a) I WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to

THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: The Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society and their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, and sponsors; (B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise. I acknowledge The Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society are NOT responsible for any accidents, injuries, theft, damage or anything relating to the physical activity I will be taking part in whilst at The Mid-Somerset Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 4GF, I acknowledge that this activity will involve a dangerous activity. The Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society are not responsible for any accidents or injury whilst I participate. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident, and / or illness during this activity.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be constructed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

SIGNATURE:.....

PRINT NAME:.....

DATE:.....

