

Entries closing date:  
Friday 12th February  
2021



# Mid-Somerset Show Hedge Laying Competition

**Sunday 21st February 2021**

**Location: Burnt House Farm, Waterlip, Shepton Mallet**  
by kind permission of the Hoddinott Family

## ENTRY FORM (FREE ENTRY)

**Class 1: Open Class    Class 2: Novice    Class 3: Junior (under 28)**

Hedge to be laid in North Somerset/Mendip style

**Prizes (per class): 1st: £50    2nd: £25    3rd: £15**

Prizes for:

- Best Under 20
- Highest placed over 60 entrant
- Best Local

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... E-mail: .....

Entry Class: Open Class / Novice/Junior (delete as appropriate)    Under 20:

Local competitor:

### NEXT OF KIN INFORMATION

Name: .....

Relationship to competitor: ..... Emergency contact no: .....

**Please bring your own stakes and chainsaws.**

I confirm I have a Chainsaw License or Certificate of Competence for the operation of a chainsaw as approved by the HSE.

I hereby confirm I will wear PPE to current standards whatever the saw operated, no matter how short the time or how infrequent that operation may be.

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

Entries to be submitted to Show Secretary, Christine Barham, Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society,  
PO BOX 5435, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 9DX  
For further information contact Roger Noble: 01749 890614  
or Show Secretary, Christine Barham on 01749 938044 or email: [secetary@midsomersetshow.org.uk](mailto:secetary@midsomersetshow.org.uk)

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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. Competitors in all hedgelaying classes must ready to draw for positions at **9.30 am**. 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.
2. Hedges to be laid in North Somerset/Mendip Style. The finished hedge should be 2ft 6" to 3ft in height.
3. All competitors will receive £10 cutting money from the Show Secretary on the day of the competition.
4. Novice is a competitor who has not won 1st prize in any previous Mid-Somerset Agricultural Society Hedgelaying Competition.
5. No help must be given to competitors in any way except in Novice classes where verbal advice may be given.
6. 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.
7. Competitors must comply with Health & Safety Regulations. In respect of the use of Chainsaws the following requirements are for all competitors:
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 classe as being signed in agreement with these rules. Telephone entries will not be accepted.
11. **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.