

The Devon Hedge Competition is run by the **Devon Hedge Group, Devon FWAG and Exmoor National Park Authority** to promote and publicise traditional skills and good practice in hedge management.

The **Devon Hedge Group** aims to work together to foster support for hedge conservation in Devon, particularly through promoting management that optimises the value of hedges for farming, wildlife, landscape, archaeological and cultural purposes, whilst acknowledging practical farming constraints.



The **Devon Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)** is part of a national independent charity managed by farmers for the benefit of the farming community. It provides farmers and landowners with practical advice on environmental and conservation matters. FWAG advisors carry out farm visits and can give expert advice on Environmental Stewardship.



The **Exmoor Trust** is an independent charity, supporting a broad range of matters relating to Greater Exmoor, its inhabitants, ecology and environment. They have generously donated the prize money for class 2.



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Devon and Exmoor Hedge Competition 2009/10



Prizes to be won for farmers and landowners in Devon and Exmoor who carry out good quality work on hedges for the benefit of farming, wildlife and the landscape.



Prizes: 1st £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50

DEVON ENTRY FORM

In all classes entries must include **photographs**, preferably before and after (write your name and class on the back).

Class 1, Best Laid Hedge in Devon

The hedge must have been laid during the winter of 2009/10. The judges will be looking for a combination of stockproofness, regrowth, traditional style, wildlife value and overall appearance. The work should include casting up and/or bank restoration, if necessary. Minimum entry of 50m of laid hedge.

Hedgerow Tree Bonus. A £50 bonus is available for the best establishment or retention of hedgerow trees by any of the class 1 finalists.

Class 2 Best Laid Exmoor Hedge

The hedge must be within Exmoor National Park and have been laid during the winter of 2009/10. The judges will mark the same criteria as class 1.

No one hedge may be entered in both classes.

In classes 1 & 2 the prize money will be given to the person who has carried out the work. The Hedgerow Tree Bonus will go to the landowner.

If entering more than one class please photocopy entry form.

The judges will use the photos/information that you supply to draw up a **shortlist** of holdings to be visited.

If you would like the photos returned please include an **SAE**.

Short listed entries will be notified by late April and judging will be at the beginning of May.

Circle the class to be entered: 1 2

Hedge Owner/Farmer _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel _____ Mob _____

Grid reference _____

Hedge Layer (if different from above) _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel _____ Mob _____

Number of photos attached _____

How did you hear about the competition? _____

Entries to be sent by **31st March 2010** to:
Devon Hedge Competition, FWAG Devon, Agriculture
House, Pynes Hill, Rydon Lane, Exeter EX2 5ST
Tel: 01392 364392