

Devon Hedge Competition 2008 Results

The 2008 Hedge competition had two different groups, the best laid hedge laid last winter and the best laid Exmoor beech hedge. The Devon Hedge Competition is run by the Devon Hedge Group and Devon Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group with Funding from Devon County Council.

The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of the good management that many farmers and land owners carry out on their hedges.



The **Best Laid Hedge in Devon Class** is for hedges that have been laid during the winter of 2007/8. The judges were 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.

Best Laid Exmoor Beech Hedge Class was for hedges that are within the borders of Exmoor National Park and have been laid during the winter of 2006/7 or 07/08. The hedges will be marked the same as the **Best Laid Hedge in Devon Class**.

Through running the competition The Devon Hedge Group has managed to promote best practise and share knowledge about good hedge management . There are a lot of landowners who are keen to restore hedges in a traditional manner so the Devon Hedge Group are often able to connect land owners with contractors.”



2008 Winners

Class 1 Best Laid Hedge

First Prize £200

Mr Parris

Blackhayes Farm.



Second Prize £100

WJ & WG Witheridge

Middle Stoodleigh Farm.

Third Prize £50

Mr J Hamlyn

Higher Cator Farm.



Class 2 Best Stone Faced Hedge

First Prize £200

Mrs Craggs/Ron Westcott

Chibbet Post, Exford



Second Prize £100

Mr & Mrs Beckett/David Davis

Codecombe House, Wheddon Cross



Third Prize £50

Trever Townsend

West Yard, North Molton

