



EXMOOR HEDGELAYING COMPETITION 2026/27

We are delighted to see the return of the Exmoor Hedgelaying competition

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

All you need to do is fill in the entry form and send in photos of your work.

Class Prizes:

1st £300 | 2nd £200 | 3rd £100

Class 1: Best laid Exmoor Hedge, Open Class.

Class 2: Best laid Exmoor Hedge, Novice Class.

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



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More details and application form overleaf. www.ehfn.org.uk

Class 1: Best Laid Exmoor Hedge, Open Class

The hedge must have been laid during the winter of 2026/27. The judges will be looking for a combination of the following criteria – stock-proof condition, regrowth, traditional style, difficulty, wildlife value, presence of hedgerow trees and overall appearance. The hedge must include a bank and should include casting up and/or bank restoration if necessary. Minimum entry of 50m of laid hedge.

Class 2: Best Laid Exmoor Hedge, Novice Class

The work must have been carried out by someone who has learnt to lay hedges since 2025. The hedge must have been laid during the winter of 2026/27. Novice pairs may enter this class. The Hedge will be marked using the same criteria as class 1.

Only one entry per person

Entries by Friday 30th April 2027. Judging will take place during June 2027 and the date will be announced during April 2027. The Judges will consist of a panel of 3. Confirmed to date: Heather Harley, Conservation Officer (Farming and Land Management), Exmoor National Park Authority, and two others which are in progress and will be confirmed this Autumn.

Exmoor Hedge Competition Entry Form:

Circle the class to be entered: 1 or 2

Name of hedge owner/farmer

Address

Post code Tel

Mobile

What 3 words or Grid Ref of hedge:

Name of hedge layer (if different from above)

Address

Post code Tel

Mobile

Number of photos attached

How did you hear about the competition?

Postal entries

To be sent by Friday 30th April 2027 to:

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or email to admin@ehfn.org.uk Tel. **01643 841 455**

