



Yorkshire Style Factsheet

Yorkshire style has no brush on either side, with the stems laid directly over the stools. The stakes and top rail are sawn timber which is often made from saw-mill slab wood. The rail is secured to the stakes and holds the pleachers down. The stakes are at varying distances, between the stools and are placed where the stems allow. The hedge isn't intended to be stockproof for a couple of years and is laid as part of an arable rotation.

Technical Requirements

The cut pleachers should be split to run into the ground with root layering if required, all stobs should be cut off to a uniform appearance and clean finish. Any thicker pleachers should be trimmed hard to make the hedge narrow in section with a square or rectangular section, no more than 10 -12 inches in width. Brush should be minimal to maintain a thin and narrow width within the build, the pleachers should also be even in appearance and distribution throughout the build. Sawn stakes can be placed on either side of the rail, but if thicker stakes are used they should be placed on one side only. The distance between stakes should be 30-36 inches and is dependant upon the width of the pleachers in the hedge bottom. The overall height of the hedge should be between 36 inches and 42 inches to the top of the rail. The rail should be placed along the centre line of the hedge with good continuous joints, any nails protruding through the rails being clasped over neatly. Any gaps on the build of the hedge should be neatly and evenly filled with extra sections of rail.

