



NHLS News

The News Bulletin of the National Hedge Laying Society
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The Summer edition of the Societies Newsletter will be published Shortly.

The Summer edition of the National Hedge Laying Society newsletter contains comment and information about the latest activities, technical tips and a feature item on The Hornbeam Hedges of the Chilterns.

The summer edition will be sent free to all members.

The Hedge Laying Season.

Natural England have in preparation a leaflet giving guidance on the various dates when Hedge Cutting, Trimming and Laying are permitted. This is being produced at the request of the NHLS and it is hoped will be followed by similar leaflets for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Committee Meeting.

The National Committee met at Toddington on the 7th August. Included in the items discussed were, the 2010 Championship, venues for future championships, plus other business matters. The next meeting of the committee will be on Sunday 24th October.

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The 2010 National Hedgelaying Championship.

This year the championship will be held on Saturday 23rd October on the Hambleton peninsular Rutland Water. Courtesy of Anglian Water.

Competition entry forms are now available from the Competition secretary Robin Dale; Tel 01386 700312 or from the Chief Steward, Derek Smith; Tel 01162 696145.

Please note: If you intend to use a chainsaw then a certificate of competence will be required.



A 1948 Hedge Trimmer by McConnel, featured in the summer edition of the NHLS Newsletter.

Vera wins Conservation award.

Congratulations to committee member Vera Oxby who was recently awarded runner up in the NFU Wilkinson Environment award for Nottinghamshire. Vera has planted some seven thousand trees at her Needham Hill farm where she keeps her 800 free-range Warren hens.

Vera supplies local shops with her free range eggs and the judges were impressed with the detail and level of work she puts into the farm and how the conservation work is integrated with the egg production business. They liked the woodland; both the established and more recently planted areas and were pleased to see such a variety of trees and wildlife-supporting habitats. They were particularly taken with the wood and pond and the careful management of grassland and margins around the new planting. Vera's knowledge and enthusiasm for wildlife and conservation was also noted.