

BLACKMORE & SPARKFORD VALE HUNT **28th ANNUAL HEDGE LAYING COMPETITION**

By kind permission of Nick & Sophie Fuller

Sunday, 23 February 2025

at

Church Farm, Purse Caundle, Sherborne, DT9 5DY

(Situated just off A30 between Henstridge and Milborne Port – next to Laycock Cider)
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- Programme:**
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| 09.30 am | Draw for hedges |
| 10.00 am | Hedge Laying commences |
| 02.30 pm | Hedge Laying finishes |
| 02.45 pm | Results and presentation of prizes |
- Entries:** All welcome – no entry fee.
Food and drink provided for all participants free of charge.
Please ring or email in advance to let us know if you would like to come:-
Peter FitzGerald, peterfitzg@aol.com 01747840895:
James Fielder: james.fielder1@icloud.com : 07715 122 932
- Style:** Devon, North Dorset, South Somerset style: Crooks, but no stakes nor bonds please
- Classes:**
- 1 OPEN
 - 2 NOVICE with Professional Instructor for any person who has not won a first prize in any hedge laying competition.
- Prizes:** Beer for all entries.
Cash prizes including £100 for winner of the Open Class
Cups for all Classes and for best B & SV farmer, subscriber or hunt supporter.
- Organiser:** Blackmore and Sparkford Vale Hunt
- Health & Safety:** The organiser does not accept any responsibility or liability.
Competitors and spectators enter at their own risk.
Chain-saw protective clothing is required
See reverse page for Rules and Conditions.
- Recommended Extra Equipment** Wellington boots – (adjacent ditch)
Tough gloves
- SPONSORS:** **KNIGHTS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LTD,**
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BODEN,
CHURCH HOUSE
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RULES AND CONDITIONS

- 1 Each competitor to pleach and peg the stated length (approx. 10 meters, less for beginners) in 4.5 hours in the Devon, North Dorset, South Somerset style.
- 2 Crooks may be used, no stakes nor bonds please.
- 3 The height will be stated on the day.
- 4 Any competitor failing to complete the fence must complete it after the allotted time.
- 5 **Chainsaw Protocol:** Proper personal protective equipment must be worn when operating the saw. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing. Be careful that the trunk or tree limbs will not bind against the saw. Watch for branches under tension; they may spring out when cut.
- 6 The Organizers and the landowners will not hold themselves responsible for any accident to any competitors or other person attending the competition.
- 7 The Organizers reserve the right to alter the schedule owing to weather conditions or other circumstances.
- 8 The Organizers reserve the right to withhold any prizes if there are insufficient entries or merit in any class.
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