

## **Ashington Hedgelaying Competition 2026**

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2026**

### **SAFETY NOTICE**

In case of emergency contact the organiser located on site 07771 721573 or 07880 703003.

Please obey all signs and follow any instructions by competition organisers, judge or other personnel.

Competitors are required to observe safe working practices, and must wear appropriate safety clothing for the work undertaken and appropriate for the tools used.

To be permitted to use a chainsaw at the competition, competitors **must hold a current Certificate of Competence**, and personal protective equipment to current standards must be worn whenever the saw is operated, no matter how short the time or how infrequent that operation may be.

Ensure your vehicle is locked. Do not leave valuable items in the vehicle.

**Neither the organisers or any of their agents accept any liability for loss, damage, death, injuries or other liability, incurred by the competitor, his servants or agents sustained at this event, applying to persons or equipment and personal belongings. Whilst all reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure safety, entry to the event is entirely at each individuals own risk.**

### **COMPETITION RULES**

1. Classes may be cancelled or amalgamated at the discretion of the organisers / judge.
2. Competitors are to lay the length drawn starting from their number and working toward the next highest number. They will be told which way to lay the hedge and on which side to leave the waste. Each length cut must join its neighbour.
3. The time limit for all competitors is 5.5 hours, from 9:00am – 2.30pm. The draw will be made at 8.45am. There will be no clearing up time and competitors working past this time may not be judged.
4. If required, competitors will need to bring their own Stakes and Binders.
5. Any instruction given to a competitor by the organisers/judge before or during the competition must be complied with.
6. Competitors have a duty of care to themselves other competitors with regard to safe working practice and must comply with Health and Safety Regulations.
7. Chainsaws are permitted in the open class only, and only by people with a current Certificate of Competence, and necessary personal protective equipment.
8. Competitors may receive assistance in specific circumstances from organisers and other competitors. However if the judge feels that non-essential assistance is being received, after one warning the competitor will be disqualified.
9. The use of dead wood must be kept to a minimum – excessive use may be penalised by the judge.
10. Competitors competing as a pair in the novice class will be paid prize money as a pair.
11. Judging will be on a points basis and the decision of the judge is final.

Competitors who, in the opinion of the Judges or organisers, fail to observe the Safety Notice and Competition Rules may be instructed to quit the competition and/or leave the site.

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### **ENTRY FORM**

Entries for the competition are accepted on the basis that all prospective competitors understand and accept the Safety Notice and Competition Rules. The receipt of an entry form (overleaf) from a competitor by email or otherwise is the competitor's confirmation that they accept and will abide by these rules. Entries received by email will be retained on file and classed as being signed and in agreement with the safety notice and competition rules.

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Category of entry (please delete as appropriate):	Novice	Intermediate	Open
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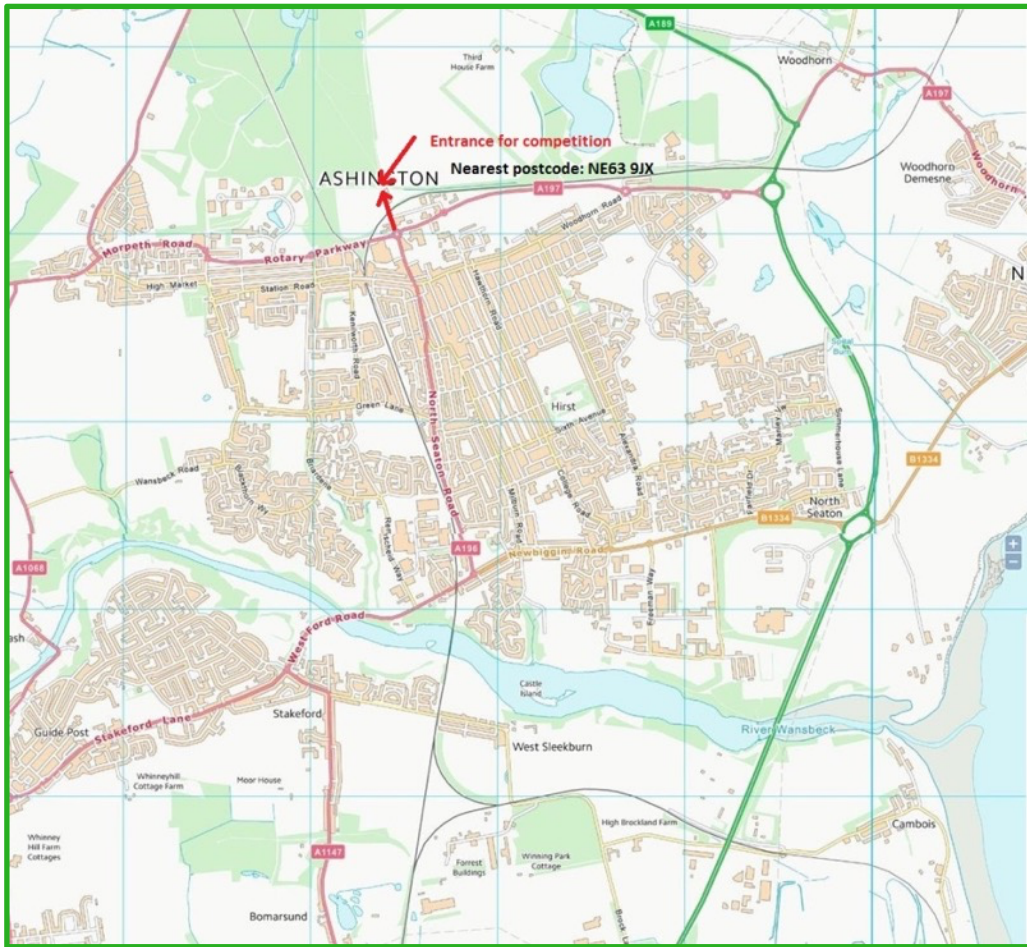
If returned electronically, a signature will be required on the day.

Signed:	
PRINT NAME:	
Date:	

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## How to find the woods:

The nearest SatNav Postcode: **NE63 9JX**, which should take you to the entrance to Ashington Community Woods, past the Ashington Police Station, over a railway line, and straight ahead 200 yards till you reach the woodland.



Ashington Community Woods is the reclaimed site of the Woodhorn and Ashington Collieries. After the pits closed in the 1980's, the site was planted and landscaped to create the woodland. It is now home to a growing variety of wildlife and enjoyed by the people of Ashington. The **Friends of Ashington Woods** meet regularly to help look after the Woods, organise events, report problems and raise funds.

