

Hedgelaying Skills – Bronze Award (Skills Card)

At a glance...

Assessed Customised Provision

Duration Notes:	4 days including assessment
Delivery Method:	Training (with Assessment)
Recognised by:	National Hedgelaying Society

Introduction

4 day practical training course in hedge laying including an assessment leading to accreditation at Bronze level with the National Hedgelaying Society. Courses will be held between September and March.

Overview in brief

The National Hedgelaying Society offers training and assessment in hedgerow management. A series of training courses and progressive practical tests lead to a Three - tier accreditation awards in hedgelaying. The scheme is designed to ensure that hedgelayers achieve the highest standards of craftsmanship. This training course will cover all the basic skills needed to carry out the traditional craft of hedgelaying.

The finer details

The demand for the traditional craft of hedge laying is increasing. A traditionally laid and sensitively managed hedge allows farming and conservation interests to meet; for the farmer a natural barrier to confine and shelter stock is erected, whilst for the conservationist, a wildlife habitat is created. Government commitment to hedgerow protection was included in the 1990 Environment White Paper, and appropriate legislation is included in the Environment Bill. Hedgerow protection, and encouragement for new hedge planting and management



through Environmental and Countryside Stewardship Schemes has led to an increased call for hedge laying and traditional craft skills.



The National Hedgelaying Society is keen to encourage training and assessment in Hedgelaying and has introduced a National Accreditation Scheme based on the delivery of training courses and assessments. There are four levels of training and assessment. Three levels of assessment are linked to National Hedgelaying Society National Accreditation at Bronze, Silver and Gold:

- Introduction to Hedgelaying - Beginner training course with basic assessment as part of the course
- Bronze Level Training & Assessment: Competent Level training with separate practical assessment
- Silver [Level Training & Assessment](#): Proficient [Level training with separate practical assessment](#)
- Gold Level Training & Assessment: Advanced Level training with separate practical assessment

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at the Bronze level and is suitable for anyone who has completed a beginner training course or has some prior knowledge and experience of hedgelaying. It is also the first level towards a career in hedgerow restoration.

What will be covered?

- Hedge Laying Styles
- Health and Safety
- Tools
- Hedgerow Legislation and Classification
- Preparations at the Hedge
- Pleaching
- Building the Hedge
- Staking and Binding
- Trimming and Finishing
- Hedge Aftercare

Other areas of interest



Progression to the National Hedgelaying Society Accreditation Scheme levels via Courses and Assessments offered at:

Bronze - Competent level

Silver - Proficient level

Gold - Advanced level



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