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## **Somerset Hedge Group Photographic Competition 2017**

### *Hedgerow Trees*

The Somerset Hedge Group has launched its 2017 digital photographic competition. The competition follows successful competitions held every two years since 2008. Winners will receive cash prizes at a presentation evening in November 2017. One of last year's winning photograph is shown at the end of this release.

With sponsorship from CPRE, the Blackdown Hills and Mendip Hills AONBs and Marshall Agroecology Ltd, this competition will run during the year from now to the beginning of October 2017. Generous prize money of will be available for two classes: Open and Junior (under 15). The competition is for amateur photographers with a maximum of three entries per person. Digital images only. The closing date for entries is 2 October 2017.

So take your camera into the Somerset countryside and try to capture some of the fascinating and wonderful hedgerow trees across the county across the seasons. Entries will feature in the Somerset Hedge Group calendar in time for Christmas.

For an entry form and competition rules, go to [www.somerset-hedgegroup.org.uk](http://www.somerset-hedgegroup.org.uk) and print off a form. The Somerset Hedge Group Chair is Heather Harley E-mail: [HJHarley@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](mailto:HJHarley@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk) Entries to Dr Jon Marshall: [jon.marshall@agroecol.co.uk](mailto:jon.marshall@agroecol.co.uk)

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### **Notes for Editors**

The Somerset Hedge Group was formed in 1997 to co-ordinate the efforts of individuals and organisations who are concerned about hedgerows in the old county area of Somerset.

The objectives of the group are

- To increase everyone's awareness of the important roles that Somerset hedges play in farming, wildlife conservation, cultural heritage and the landscape
- To provide appropriate advice to all involved with hedge management and the general public
- To undertake work that promotes the study, conservation, restoration and enhancement of hedges in Somerset.

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