

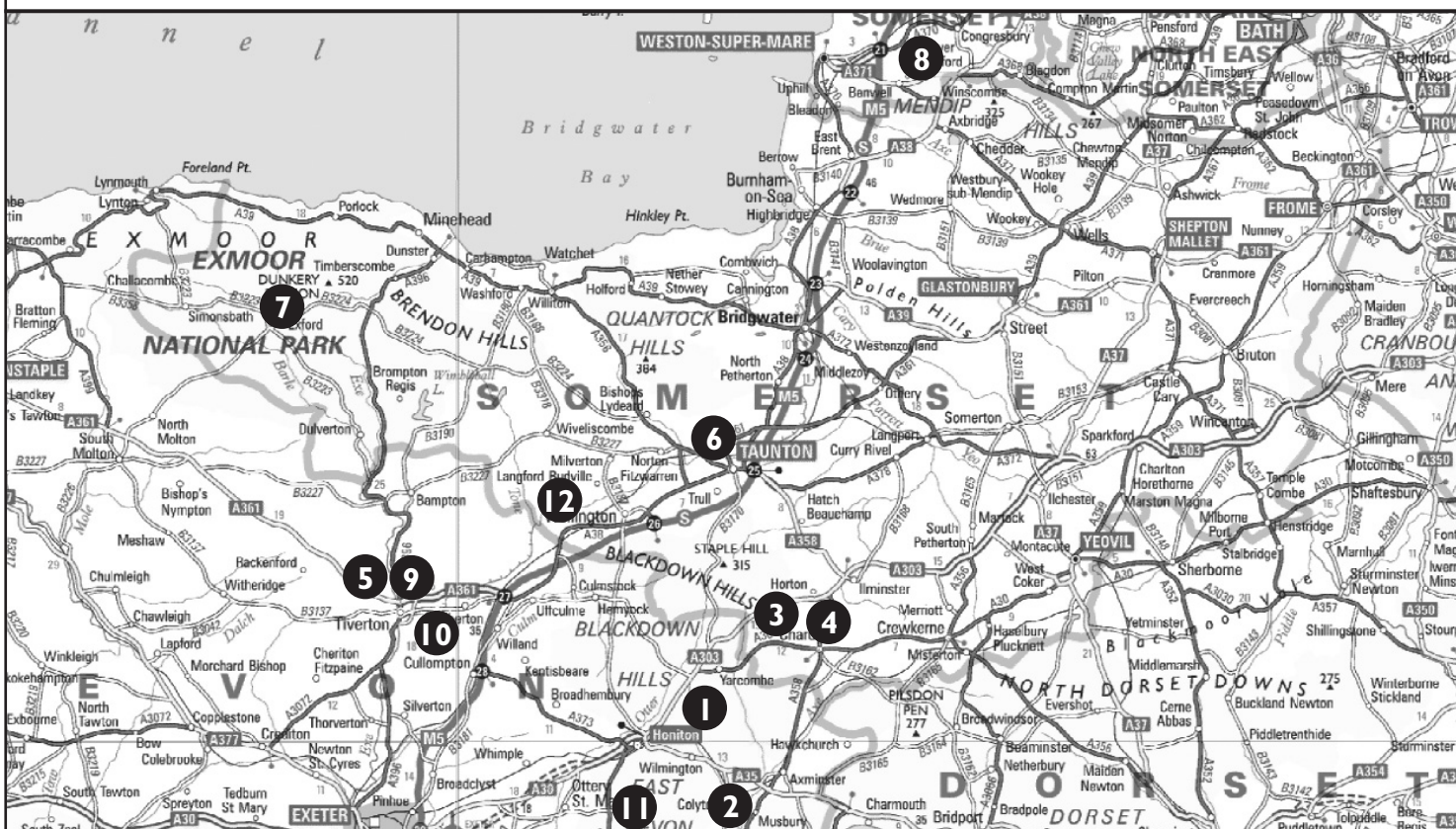
12. Two day hedge laying training course - Ten Parishes Festival

Time and date to be confirmed. (contact Event leader). Appley, Near Wellington. **Map ref:** ST 075 215
Description: This two day practical hedge laying course is aimed specifically at young people between 14 and 21 years old, who want to come along and learn some traditional hedge laying skills.

Special requirements: Advanced booking essential. Bring a packed lunch. Dogs allowed if on a lead. No wheel chair access. Not suitable for young children. Informal toilet facilities. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. **Event costs:** Free. **Contact:** Peter Grainger Tel: 01823 421237

Events location map

Each event is numbered and the location shown (approximately) on the map below



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Thanks

Many thanks to all those organisations who are holding events during Hedge Week or who have assisted with organisation of the Week.



Devon Hedge Week

Devon Hedge Week is also being held from Saturday 22 – Sunday 30 October 2005. For a programme of events please contact: www.devon.gov.uk/hedges or tel 01392 352012.



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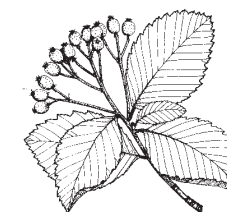


Somerset Hedge Week

22 - 30 October 2005

Welcome

Welcome to Somerset Hedge Week, co-ordinated by the Somerset Hedge Group. We hope you will enjoy our varied programme. Inside you will find a time-table of events from hedge management and craft workshops, to guided walks and evenings of talks. There is something for everyone, all ages and interests. Hedge Week is an annual event which aims to raise awareness of the importance of our hedges and the associated wildlife.



We hope that you will join in and celebrate Somerset's Hedges with us.

Working in partnership

The Somerset Hedge Group evolved from the interest and concern of various conservation and farming organisations as well as from interest from Somerset farmers. The group was formed in 1997 and presently enjoys the support of Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG), National Farmers Union (NFU), Country Land and Business Association (CLA), Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), English Nature, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Somerset County Council, Sedgemoor District Council, South Somerset District Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council, Mendip District Council, West Somerset District Council and Exmoor National Park Authority.

We work to promote the appreciation and conservation of the hedge network across the county, and to highlight the value of hedges for farming, wildlife, landscape and archaeology. Our aims are to:

- ◆ Increase awareness of the value of hedges to farming and non-farming communities through hedge-related events, competitions, exhibitions, school activities and presentations;
- ◆ Influence those who manage hedges for better effect by providing information and advice;
- ◆ Support research to further understanding for more appropriate hedgerow management.



Visit our website at www.somerset-hedgegroup.org.uk

Saturday 22 October

- 1. Hedge Laying Training Day – for women - Blackdown Hills Hedge Association**
Saturday 22 October 9.30a.m. – 4p.m. Meet at Yarcombe Hall, Yarcombe, Blackdown Hills. **Map Ref:** ST 245 084
Description: This event is being held specifically for women who want to come along and get some hands on experience of traditional hedge laying skills. The location is yet to be confirmed - contact George Pidgeon for further information. **Special requirements:** Advanced booking essential. Bring packed lunch. Dogs allowed if on a lead. No wheelchair access. Not suitable for young children. Stout boots and outdoor clothing. Heavy duty garden gloves needed. **Event costs:** £20 **Contact:** George Pidgeon Tel: 01404 881634
- 2. Parish Hedges: A Look at Combyne Past and Present - Axe Vale & District Conservation Society**
Saturday 22 October 10.30a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Manor House, Combyne and Musbury Castle. **Map Ref:** Meet at SY 291 924
Description: A two-part day studying and measuring hedge lengths from old maps/photos and strolling to a viewpoint to record existing hedge patterns. **Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Bring picnic. Tea/coffee available. **Event costs:** Free.
Contact: Donald Campbell Tel: 01297 445084 E-mail: nicolafcampbell@btinternet.com



Sunday 23 October

- 3. A Celebration of Hedgerow Crafts - Blackdown Hills Hedge Association**
Sunday 23 October 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Buckland St Mary Village Hall, Chard. **Map Ref:** ST 275 135
Choose from four workshops, all being run on the same day:
- ◆ With professional stick maker, Peter Snelson, create your own, personalised thumb stick, knob stick or walking stick to make your countryside walks a real pleasure. **Event cost:** £38.
 - ◆ With Ivor Hancock, make a rustic, hedgerow chair using hazel and ash from the hedgerows. The secret is in selecting appropriately shaped branches to create a chair of proven strength and reliability. **Event cost:** £40.
 - ◆ What could be more elegant than a traditional garden trug? Create your own Blackdown trug using goat willow from Blackdown hills hedges. Leader: Martin Turner. **Event cost:** £38
 - ◆ Weave a jolly hedgerow house, complete with door and peep-holes for youngsters aged 5 – 10 using willow and hedgerow slips of hazel, ash and dogwood. Leader: Sophie Courtiour. **Event cost:** £40
 - ◆ Create a life size animal or bird sculpture in willow and hedge materials. Leader: Stefan Jennings. **Event cost:** £38
- Special requirements:** Advanced booking essential. Tea/coffee provided but bring your own lunch. No dogs allowed. Wheelchair access. Not suitable for young children. Toilet facilities available.
Contact: Margaret Edwards Tel 01460 234222. E-mail mgtedwards@hotmail.com

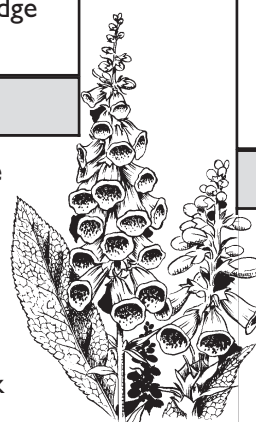


Tuesday 25 October

- 4. What makes a good hedge and why are they important?**
Tuesday 25 October 2.00p.m. – 4.00p.m.
Burnt House Farm (just off A303, 3 miles out of Ilminster in Honiton direction). **Map Ref:** ST 293 136
Description: A guided walk across undulating grassland fields on the edge of the Blackdown Hills. Regular stops to discuss and observe. (approx. distance to be walked 1km). Leader: Mark Edwards.
Special requirements: Advanced booking required. Refreshments supplied. Dogs allowed if on a lead. No wheelchair access. No formal toilet facilities available. **Event cost:** No charge – donations to Blackdown Hills Hedge Association appreciated. **Contact:** Mrs Edwards Tel 01460 234222.

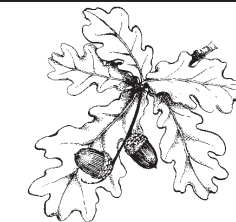
Wednesday 26 October

- 5. Kids Go Wild for Hedges - Grand Western Canal Country Park & Local Nature Reserve**
Wednesday 26 October 10.00a.m. – 12.00p.m. & 1.00p.m. – 3.00p.m.
Sampford Peverell Picnic Site, Sampford Peverell, Tiverton. **Map Ref:** ST 033 144.
Description: Join the Canal Rangers for some fun and games followed by planting a new section of Devon hedgerow. Discover the fascinating world of hedges and explore what wildlife is lurking within.
Special requirements: All children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring suitable outdoor clothing & footwear. No dogs. **Event cost:** Free. **Contact:** Jo French Tel: 01884 254072. joanne.french@devon.gov.uk



Wednesday 26 October cont'd

- 6. Hedge Laying Display - Taunton Deane Borough Council**
Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 October 10.00a.m. – 3.00p.m.
Location – to be confirmed – contact event leader.
Description: A chance to see and chat to a professional hedge layer, Peter Grainger, who will be training the Borough Council's staff in traditional hedge laying techniques. **Special requirements:** Advanced booking not required. Dogs allowed. Suitable for young children if accompanied. No toilet facilities. Depending on location, may be suitable for wheelchairs.
Event cost: Free. **Contact:** Barbara Collier Tel: 01823 356562 E-mail b.collier@tauntondeane.gov.uk



Thursday 27 October

- 7. Exmoor Dormouse Discovery - Exmoor National Park Authority**
Thursday 27 October 2.00p.m. – 4.30p.m. Meet at Exford car park. **Map ref:** SS 8547 3834
Description: Join Exmoor National Park staff for an afternoon walk looking at how hedgerows provide an ideal habitat for dormice, and search for signs of this charismatic creature in nearby woodlands.
Special requirements: Spaces limited so advanced booking essential. Stout footwear and suitable outdoor clothing required. Refreshments provided. Not suitable for wheelchairs. **Event cost:** Free, but donations welcome.
Contact: Sarah Hoddinott Tel: 01398 322288 E-mail srhoddinott@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
- 8. Evening talk: Hedges and Field Margins – surveys and ecology - Marshall Agroecology Ltd**
Thursday 27 October 7.30p.m. – 9.00p.m.
Winscombe Community Centre, Winscombe, North Somerset. **Map ref:** ST 420 578.
Description: A series of three short talks on the natural history of hedgerows and field margins, to include surveys of North Somerset hedges and ecological research funded by Defra and the EU.
Special requirements: No advanced booking required. Refreshments provided. No dogs allowed, except Guide dogs. Wheelchair access. Not suitable for young children. **Event costs:** £1.00
Contact: Dr Jon Marshall Tel: 01934 844844 E-mail Jon.marshall@agroecol.co.uk

Friday 28 October

- 9. Mechanical Management of Devon Hedges - Devon Hedge Group**
Friday 28 October 2.00p.m. – 4.00p.m.
Jersey Farm, Sampford Peverell (adjoining M5 junction 27) **Map ref:** ST 050 140.
Description: A field-based meeting to look at examples and explore issues relating to the mechanical management of hedges, including mechanical hedge laying and moving hedges. This event is likely to be of interest to those with a practical involvement in hedge management and restoration, including farmers, contractors and conservation advisors. **Special requirements:** Advance booking requested. Bring suitable clothes / footwear.
Event costs: Free. **Contact:** Devon Hedges Group Tel: 01392 382257 E-mail hedges@devon.gov.uk

Saturday 29 October

- 10. Discover Devon Hedging - Grand Western Canal Country Park & Local Nature Reserve**
Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 October 9.30a.m. – 4.00p.m.
East Manley Bridge, Manley Lane, Tiverton. **Map ref:** SS 97122
Description: Experience the traditional art of hedge laying with Rangers at the Grand Western Canal. Gain the basic skills and knowledge involved in using the unique local style of Devon hedging.
Special requirements: Please bring packed lunch, suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Sorry no dogs and no children under 10. Booking essential. **Event costs:** Free.
Contact: Mark Blake Tel: 01884 254072 E-mail: markblake@devon.gov.uk

Sunday 30 October (see over for other events)

- 11. East Devon Way, River Coly - East Devon AONB / Axe Vale & District Conservation Society**
Sunday 30 October 2.00p.m. – 4.00p.m. Colyton village car park. **Map ref:** SY 245 939
Description: Discover the East Devon Way - a memorable walking experience. A discovery walk taking in river sounds and bountiful hedges. **Special requirements:** Bookings preferred. **Event costs:** Free
Contact: Kimmo Evans Tel: 01395 517557 E-mail kevans@eastdevon.gov.uk