

## Events location map

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



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### Devon Hedge Week

Devon Hedge Week is also being held from Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th October 2007. For a programme of events please contact: [www.devon.gov.uk/hedges](http://www.devon.gov.uk/hedges) or 01392 352012

### Thanks

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



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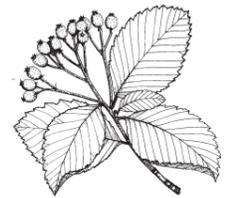
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# Somerset Hedge Week

20 - 28 October 2007

## Welcome

Welcome to Somerset Hedge Week 2007, co-ordinated by the Somerset Hedge Group. We hope you will enjoy our varied programme. Inside you will find a timetable of events from hedge management and survey training, to guided walks and craft workshops. This year you will also be able to come and see the Somerset Hedge Group display, which will be in Taunton library from Monday to Saturday during Hedge Week. As ever, there is something for everyone during the week, 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), Natural England, 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](http://www.somerset-hedgegroup.org.uk)

## Sunday 21st October

### 1. A Celebration of Hedgerow Crafts in the Blackdowns with the Blackdown Hills Hedge Association

Sunday 21st October, 10.00am – 5.00pm. Buckland St Mary Village Hall. **Map Ref:** ST 275 135.

#### Description:

- ◆ With Pete Snelson make your own personalised thumb stick, knob stick or walking stick. Half day course: 10.00am – 1.00pm. **Event cost** £20.
  - ◆ With Martin Turner make your own traditional Blackdown splint basket. Full day course: 10.00am – 5.00pm. **Event cost** £40.
  - ◆ With Ivor Hancock make a sturdy hedgerow chair from selected hedgerow woods. Full day course: 10.00am – 5.00pm. **Event cost** £40.
- Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Wheelchair access to hall. Not suitable for young children. Tools and materials supplied. Please bring a packed lunch. Toilet facilities available. Sorry no dogs. **Contact:** free brochure from Margaret Edwards. Tel: 01460 234222. Email: mgtedwards@hotmail.com

### 2. Hedges & Quoins

Sunday 21st October, 2.00pm – 5.00pm.

**Map ref:** SS670458 (gravel lay-by 250yds from A39 Killington Cross towards Hunters Inn)

**Description:** Meet a National Park Authority Ranger for a walk along Parracombe's paths & find out about the art of good hedge-making & keeping from a local farmer. Find out about the wildlife relying on this valuable habitat.

**Special requirements:** Walking boots & suitable clothing; some gentle slopes, could be loose stones & uneven ground in places (not suitable for wheelchairs), but not strenuous. No advance booking required. Sorry no dogs. **Event cost:** £3; children under 16 and students in full time education free. **Contact:** Ione Willcock on 07970 099116 or e-mail: iwillcock@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk

### 3. Hedgelaying for beginners course, with the Woolly Shepherd Courses

Sunday 21st October, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Clayhidon: contact us for location details (course leader: Pete Grainger).

**Description:** Come and learn to lay a hedge in traditional style suitable for all over 12 (under 16s accompanied by adult) bonfire and baked potatoes too. Equipment provided.

**Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Not suitable for those with limited mobility. Not suitable for young children. Please wear stout boots, old clothes, waterproofs if wet. Sorry no dogs. **Event cost:** £35 per person. **Contact:** Val Grainger (The Woolly Shepherd) on 01823 421237 or email: val@woollyshepherd.co.uk on line booking available at www.woollyshepherd.co.uk



## Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th October

### 4. Display on Somerset hedges and advice available from Taunton Library

Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th October

**Description:** Visitors to Taunton Library will be able to view display panels produced by Somerset Hedge Group. A number of leaflets will also be available and the Chair of Somerset Hedge Group, Pete Grainger, will be on hand to give advice throughout the day during Monday 22nd.

## Wednesday 24th October

### 5. Coppice crafts course, with the Woolly Shepherd Courses

Wednesday 24th October, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

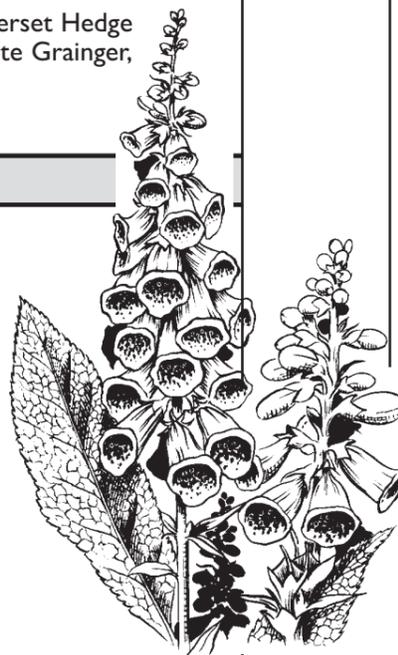
Blagdon Hill - contact us for location details (course leader: Pete Grainger).

**Description:** Come and make wooden articles from coppiced material, have a go on a pole lathe and learn the traditional woodland management technique of coppicing. Suitable for all over 12 (under 16s accompanied by adult). All equipment and materials provided.

**Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Not suitable for those with limited mobility. Please wear stout boots, old clothes, waterproofs if wet. Sorry no dogs.

**Event cost:** £35 per person.

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## Thursday 25th October

### 6. Exploring the Archaeology and Wildlife of Exmoor's Hedges

Thursday 25th October, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Codsand Moor. Meet at Dunkery Gate car park.

**Map Ref:** SS895406

**Description:** Located on the southern slopes of Dunkery, Codsand Moor is a rare and unspoilt landscape. The tranquillity of this moorland fringe belies its complex and extensive historic past. Codsand Moor contains the best preserved prehistoric landscape on Exmoor. The archaeology comprises of settlement enclosures, hut circles with associated field systems and ritual standing stones and cairns. The ambitious plans in the 18th and 19th centuries for enclosure and improvement are also still evident in the landscape with stone faced boundaries and grown out hedgerows. Join Exmoor National Park Archaeologists and Ecologists for a guided tour of a truly magical and historic Exmoor Landscape.

**Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Not suitable for those with limited mobility. Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn. Sorry no dogs. **Event cost:** Free, but donations to CareMoor for Exmoor welcome. **Contact:** Bea Davis on 01398 322288 or bdavis@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk



## Saturday 27th October

### 7. Have a go hedgelaying

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th October, 10.00am – 4.00pm both days. Grand Western Canal Country Park.

**Map Ref:** Exact location will be given during booking.

**Description:** Spend a weekend working alongside the Canal Rangers and some experienced volunteers, learning the traditional craft of hedgelaying.

**Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Not suitable for those with limited mobility. Suitable clothing and footwear must be worn. Sorry no dogs. **Event cost:** Free.

**Contact:** Joanne French or Mark Baker on 01884 254072 or gwcanal@devon.gov.uk

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### 9. Highlighting our Hedges – hedgerow survey training day

Sunday 28th October, 10.00am to 3.00pm. Otterford and Bishopswood Village Hall in Bishopswood.

**Map Ref:** ST253128

**Description:** Learn in a fun and hands-on way how to age, locate and identify the flora and fauna found in and along our hedgerows. Both indoor and outdoor training involved.

**Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Refreshments provided but please bring your own packed lunch. Mostly suitable for those with limited mobility - please discuss with event leader beforehand. Suitable for young children. Toilet facilities available. Sorry no dogs. Some rough terrain in the afternoon so suitable outdoor footwear and clothing needed. **Event cost:** £5 to cover handouts, hall hire and refreshments.

**Contact:** Carolyn Jureidini on 01823 652440 or Carolyn.jureidini@somersetwildlife.org

### 10. Autumn Hedgerow Walk

Sunday 28th October, 10.00am – 12.00pm. West Sedgemoor Reserve:

RSPB reserve office at Dewlands Farm, Red Hill, Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerset, TA10 0PH. **Map Ref:** ST 381 264

**Description:** A guided walk to learn all about hedgerows and their wildlife. Also an opportunity to find out how best to manage your own hedgerows to benefit birds.

**Special requirements:** Advance booking essential. Not suitable for those with limited mobility. Suitable for young children. Toilet facilities available.

Sorry no dogs. Terrain can be rough, wet and muddy. Walking boots or Wellington boots required as well as warm and waterproof clothing.

**Event cost:** £1.50 members, £3 non-members, under 16's free.

**Contact:** Becky Thorpe on 01458 252820 or becky.thorpe@rspb.org.uk

