

The Exmoor Hedge Competition is run by the **Exmoor National Park Authority**, in partnership with **Devon Hedge Group** and **Somerset Hedge Group**, alongside the Devon Hedge Competition (www.devon.gov.uk/devon_hedges). The event is generously supported by the **Exmoor Trust**. The aim of the competition is to promote and publicise environmental good practice in hedge management.



The **Exmoor Trust** is an independent charity, supporting a broad range of matters relating to Greater Exmoor, its inhabitants, ecology and environment. They have generously donated the prize money for this competition.



The **Devon Hedge Group** aims to foster support for hedge conservation in Devon and Somerset, particularly through promoting management that optimises the value of hedges for farming, wildlife, landscape, archaeological and cultural purposes, whilst acknowledging practical farming constraints.



The **Somerset Hedge Group** works to promote the appreciation and conservation of the hedge network across Somerset, and to highlight the value of hedges for farming, wildlife, landscape and archaeology.



Exmoor Hedge Competition 2009/10



Prizes to be won for farmers, landowners and contractors on Exmoor who carry out good quality work on hedges for the benefit of farming, wildlife and the landscape.



Exmoor Entry Form

Class Prizes: 1st-£200, 2nd-£100, 3rd-£50

In all classes entries must include **photographs**, preferably before and after (write your name and class on the back).

Class 1: Best layed Exmoor hedge, junior class

The hedge must be within Exmoor National Park and have been laid during the winter of 2008/09 or 2009/10 by someone less than 25 years old. The judges will be looking for a combination of stockproofness, regrowth, traditional style, wildlife value and overall appearance. The work should include casting up and/or bank restoration, if necessary.

Class 2: Best layed Exmoor hedge, senior class

The judges will mark the same criteria as class 1 but for hedge layers 25 years old and over.

In **all classes** the prize money will be given to the person who has carried out the work.

More than one hedge may be entered per applicant.

The judges will use the photos/information that you supply to draw up a **shortlist** of holdings to be visited.

If you would like your photos returned please include an **SAE**.

Short listed entries will be notified by the end of April and judging will be in the middle of May.

Circle the class to be entered: 1 2

Hedge Owner/Farmer _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel _____ Mob _____

Grid reference _____

Hedge Layer (if different from above) _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel _____ Mob _____

Number of photos attached _____

How did you hear about the competition? _____

Entries to be sent by the **31st March 2010** to:
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