

Want to learn a new rural skill or improve your existing skills?

Then why not come along to our FREE Hedgelaying Training
27th & 28th February 2015 9.30am-3.30pm

Location: Cycle track between Carr House Lane & Sylvester St, Lancaster

We will be working using the Lancashire & Westmorland Style with expert tuition provided by Joe Craig and Geoff Whitley.

Wear old outdoor clothes and tough gloves

All tools provided.

Prizes for the most improved teams!

Local charity Lancaster Green Spaces have applied for money to fund the training. Prizes for the event are being donated by Lancaster City Council and Councillor Jon Barry.

Join us for one or both days or feel free to come along and observe.

For more information or to book a place contact Tarja Wilson on 01200 448000
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Why are hedges laid?

A well-managed hedgerow is thick and bushy, an impenetrable barrier to sheep and cattle and a haven for wildlife.

Over time cattle will lean against a hedge and make gaps whilst sheep push through the base, Hedgelaying helps to keep the hedge stockproof. Here an extra wide wildlife corridor has been created

Laying hedges is just one of the techniques in managing hedgerows. Other techniques include "Trimming" and "Coppicing" (Cutting off at ground level to encourage the hedge to regenerate). Left unmanaged a hedgerow will continue to grow upwards and outwards and eventually become a line of trees.