

Hedgelaying Course

What is Hedgelaying?

Laying hedges is just one of the techniques which can be used to manage hedgerows. Other techniques include trimming and coppicing. Coppicing involves cutting stems off at ground level to encourage the hedge to regenerate. Left unmanaged a hedgerow will continue to grow upwards and outwards and will eventually become a line of trees.

Where farmers keep cattle or sheep a good hedge is essential – although barbed wire fences can easily be erected they do not provide shelter like a hedge. Hedges are important for our wildlife, environmental, heritage and scenic value. A well managed hedgerow is thick and bushy, an impenetrable barrier to sheep and cattle and a haven for wildlife.

Cattle will lean against a hedge and make gaps whilst sheep push through the base, hedgelaying prevents this. Cut stems are bent over at an angle, secured with stakes and in some styles binders along the top, so creating a living, stock-proof barrier. Hedgelaying is the only hedgerow maintenance method currently available which promotes regrowth from ground level and which will ensure the health and longevity of the hedgerow. Once a hedge has been layed regular trimming will keep it in good order for up to 50 years when it may be appropriate to lay the hedge again.

What?	A two day course where you'll learn the traditional skills
When?	November & December 2016 – 2 day course
Where?	Dunbarney Estate, Bridge of Earn
Meeting point?	There is no parking on site so you will park nearby and car share from there to the site.
Who?	Suitable for all ages, but please book as spaces are limited.
Booking?	Booking is essential . Please call or email Clive Bowman at clive@communitytreecycle.co.uk or 07580 778700
Equipment?	Please wear practical clothes & footwear as you will get dirty. Please bring a pair of gardening or work gloves. Please dress according to the weather as we will be outside all day.
Food?	Please bring a packed lunch, a drink, and a flask if you like. There is no shop or café in the vicinity of the site.
Toilets?	A portaloos will be available on site.

This course is being funded by TayLP and managed by Clive at Community Tree Cycle. To book or if you have any queries contact Clive at clive@communitytreecycle.co.uk or 07580 778700