

COTTESMORE HUNT HEDGE-CUTTING SOCIETY

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RULES

FOR THE COTTESMORE HUNT ON FARM HEDGE-CUTTING COMPETITION

1. Each entry to be judged shall be a minimum of 3 chain in length
2. The 3 chain length of hedge to be judged shall be marked at either end with identifiable markers
3. Cutters in Class 1 shall be paid a commercial rate for their work.
3. Cutters in Class 2 shall be employed by, or be close family members of, the farmer/landowner of the land upon which the hedge grows.
4. The hedge shall be staked and bound in the traditional manner.
5. The finished cut and layered hedge should be stock proof.
6. The judges will make allowances for those hedges cut under a stewardship scheme.
7. All brash should be either: laid 2 yards away from the hedge (for the judges' safety), neatly into the base of the hedge, burned or chipped.
8. No elder or willow stakes to be used.
9. Points will be deducted for the use of string.
10. Prizes will be presented at the Prize Giving Party held in the summer.
11. All perpetual trophies to be held for one year and shall be returned to the secretary one month **before** the prize giving party in the year following.
12. The judges' decisions shall be final.

To: Farmers, Landowners, Hedge-cutters,

THE ON FARM HEDGE-CUTTING COMPETITION 2020/2021

For hedges cut autumn 2020 / spring 2021 within the boundary of the Cottesmore Hunt Country

The Society is pleased to inform you that the competition will hopefully be held this year and the judging will take place in May. A copy of the rules are printed on last page.

If you have undertaken some cutting or had hedges cut on your farm (minimum 3 chain in length) would you please contact me with the details of your entry in this year's competition. Some lengths will already have been listed, but it is always useful to be informed to avoid any lengths being missed. Please include maps or diagrams to aid the location of hedges. Entry form enclosed.

The Summer Prize Giving Party invitation will be mailed to all who have either had hedges cut or have cut hedges this season and please inform me in order that you are included on this list.

Please do use and return the entry form. It is most useful to be informed of your own updated contact details for address, mobile telephone, facsimile and e-mail.

Yours sincerely,



William Cross
Chairman

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