

STANDARD PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

Hedgerows

Hedging plants are to be 60-80 cm high, 1+1, bareroot, healthy and vigorous transplants to be planted in a double staggered row, 450mm apart, with 7 plants per linear metre. All transplants shall be protected with a 400mm high plastic spiral rabbit guard supported by a 750mm stake or cane. Stock proof fencing should be erected to protect hedging from grazing as required. The hedge is to be maintained for a period of 5 years following planting, ensuring adequate watering and fertilising is carried out to ensure good establishment and that all dead, diseased or damaged plants are replaced annually where required. Species mix to be as follows:

40%	Hawthorn	(<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
30%	Hazel	(<i>Corylus avellana</i>)
10%	Blackthorn	(<i>Prunus spinosa</i>)
10%	Field Maple	(<i>Acer campestre</i>)
10%	Holly	(<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>)

It may also be worth considering including additional climbers/shrubs in your hedgerow as these will increase the value to wildlife and attractiveness of the hedge at a ratio of 1 plant per 10 metres:

Honeysuckle Guelder Rose Dog Rose

Individual trees

Individual trees shall be planted as follows:

Trees should be planted in areas previously cleared of all weeds, grass and vegetation.

The trees are to be of 'Selected Standard' size, 10-12 cm girth, 2.75-3.0 metres tall, bareroot or rootballed and healthy and vigorous.

Trees should be planted in planting holes 1.2m x 1.2m x 900mm deep, with the topsoil mixed with a minimum of 20 litres of suitable tree planting compost and replaced carefully around the roots and lightly compacted every 150mm layer.

Trees should be supported with a treated timber stake and rubber ties and protected from both rabbit and stock damage. This may require the construction of sufficiently robust timber guards of a size appropriate for the type of stock kept in the field.

It is recommended that an area at the base of each tree of 1.5 metre diameter in area is maintained weed free for a period of 3 years following planting.

Woodland planting

Woodland planting shall consist of a mix of native tree and shrub species as set out below. The planting should be carried out during the planting season (October to March). **Plants should be planted at 1 metre centres** in ground that has been previously cultivated and cleared of grass and weeds. They should all be protected from rabbit damage with a suitable tree shelter and from stock damage by appropriate fencing. All plants should be bareroot, healthy and vigorous, and no less than 300mm in height. Species should comprise the following:

20%	Hawthorn	(<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
20%	Hazel	(<i>Corylus avellana</i>)
15%	Field maple	(<i>Acer campestre</i>)
15%	Oak	(<i>Quercus robur</i>)
15%	Ash	(<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)
10%	Elder	(<i>Sambucus nigra</i>)
5%	Dog rose	(<i>Rosa canina</i>)