**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET**

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| **Course Title:** Introduction to Hedgelaying | **Day/Date/Year:** Saturday 23 November 2019 |
| **Start Time:** 10am | **Finish Time:** 3pm |
| **Course Tutor:** | Tom Simpson |
| **Course Description and Subjects Covered** | Hedgelaying is a traditional rural skill used to create a stock-proof field barrier. Yet hedgerows themselves are an important habitat for many species of wildlife. Whether you have a large area of land or a relatively small garden the addition of a hedgerow can serve as an attractive, functional feature which will also benefit birds, insects, small mammals and many other species. In this practical one-day course Tom Simpson will introduce all aspects of hedge laying and teach the basic skills required to lay a hedge. We will identify suitable tree species and hedges, use traditional hand tools to grub-out, pleach, stake and bind a hedge.This course requires no previous knowledge or experience and is well suited to anyone wishing to try hedge-laying for the first.  |
| **Meeting Point / Venue:** | The venue Roll’s Field, Tinsley Green is near Gatwick Airport. Full directions and a map to the parking area will be sent out on booking.  |
| **Other Sites to be Visited:** | Roll’s Field.  |
| **What to bring:** | All scythe equipment required will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring along their own scythes if they would like.Bring a packed lunch and drink. Appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear Sun tan lotion / hat / waterproofs depending on weather.  |
| **Other Information:** | Portaloo on site.Teas and coffees will be provided.  |
| **Public Transport:**  | Nearest bus stop is Forge Wood in Tinsley Green.  |
| **Accessibility:**  | Walking up to 10 mins from the car park.  |