

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is National Hedgerow Week?**

National Hedgerow Week is an annual celebration of our carbon guzzling, biodiversity buzzing, beautiful, bountiful British hedgerows! It takes place in Autumn each year, normally in September. To find out this year's dates please visit the [National Hedgerow Week](#) page.

- **How do I suggest or upload resources to the Hedge Hub?**

Please email [hello@hedgeline.org.uk](mailto:hello@hedgeline.org.uk) with an overview of the resource you'd like included and, if possible, a link to the content. We'll be in touch with further information.

- **I'm concerned about the removal of a hedgerow near me. How can I check whether the necessary permissions have been granted?**

We'd recommend that you get in touch with your local planning authority in the first instance. They hold records of Hedgerow Removal and Retention notices. I'm afraid that we're unable to comment on individual cases.

- **Can you legally cut, trim, lay or coppice a hedge at any time of the year?**

Yes, but the onus is on the person doing the work to avoid committing an offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 or The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. For example, it is recommended that any works are avoided during the main breeding season for nesting birds, which usually runs throughout March to August each year. This can be weather dependent and some birds may nest outside this period, so it is important to always check carefully for active nests prior to cutting.

- **A hedge is due to be removed to make way for a new development. Can I do anything to protect it?**

It is ultimately the local planning authority that decides whether hedgerows are considered important enough to save. You can comment on planning applications or contact your local wildlife trust or planning authority ecologist to discuss the application with them. Unfortunately, we don't have capacity to support individual cases.

- **Where can I find hedgerow related training?**

We list a number of training courses, delivered by Hedgeline and partners, on the Training and Events page. Otherwise, search for 'Training' in the Hedge Hub to bring up a host of providers.

- **I would like to plant a new hedgerow on my land / in a community space. Do you know of any grants / funding available?**

Take a look at our Grants and Funding page. We endeavour to keep this up to date but note that this list is not exhaustive. Be sure to check eligibility and closing dates before applying.

- **Where can I find a contractor to plant / lay / manage my hedgerow?**

We don't hold records for individuals, contractors or companies involved in this kind of work. We recommend undertaking a web search to find someone suitable in your area.

- **I need some advice on managing my hedgerow. Can you help?**

Please visit the [Hedge Hub](#) [check link once live] which includes a whole host of useful resources and guidance on this very topic. You can filter your search depending on the location of your hedge and the type of management you'd like to undertake.

- **How do I know if a hedgerow is protected?**

The Hedgerows Regulations 1997 were introduced to protect important countryside hedges from removal. The regulations apply to hedgerows in England and Wales. Wildlife, historical and landscape criteria determine whether a hedge is important or not. A hedgerow is not protected if it's in, or marks the boundary of, a private garden. You can find out more [here](#). If in doubt, please contact your local planning authority for advice.

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