

HEDGE PLANTING

HEDGE PLANTING for hedges: To BS 3936:Part 1, consistent in species, cultivator and clone to ensure uniform hedge. Planting to be completed between October and March. Prepare the ground along a 1.5m wide strip to provide good soil conditions and as little competition from other vegetation as possible. Apply any herbicide to the 1.5m strip in the August or September prior to planting only.

Plants must be:

- 2-year-old transplants
- At least 450mm to 600mm high
- Native species, as per mix, with no one species making up more than 70% of the total.
- Planted in a staggered double row 30cm apart with a minimum of 7 plants per metre. Each to be accompanied by a 45cm transparent spiral guard and cane.
- Kept clear of weeds until they are established.

Remove individual guards and tree shelters once the plants are established and replace all failures in the following planting season. Trim the newly planted hedge in at least the first 2 years to encourage bushy growth, allowing the hedge to become taller and wider at each cut.