

## **Hedging Competition 2017**

The Society's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hedging Competition took place on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Part of the Lancashire & Westmorland Hedge Laying Association's Grand Prix series, 20 hedgers braved the decidedly grey, wet and windy conditions to compete.

Tackling the challenging hedge, it was fantastic to see such a good turnout of younger LWHLA members, with 5 competitors in the junior and starter categories. Judges Ken Robinson and Frank Capstick were very impressed with the overall high standard of hedging and the skills so expertly demonstrated, suggesting a promising future for this traditional craft.

President David Fell presented the prizes and rosettes to the winning hedgelayers and thanked everyone for their support.

### **Results**

#### **Championship Class**

1st: Peter Gibson  
2nd: Andrew Kirkwood  
3rd: David Whittaker

#### **Open Class**

1st: Craig Procter  
2nd: Steven Boyes  
3rd: William Bell

#### **Novice Class**

1st: John Handley  
2nd: Aiden Handley  
3rd: James Haigh

#### **Junior Class**

1st: Andrew Bateman  
2<sup>nd</sup>: James Dodgson  
3rd: Danny Dodgson  
HC: James Yates-Bell

#### **Starter Class**

1st: Jake Dixon

#### **Summer Regrowth 2016**

1st: Ralph Lee

#### **Best Overall**

Peter Gibson