

Case Studies



:: *Boundary Hedges*



Isolated rural property/small-holding - paddocks and garden boundary hedge. Mixed species hedge – very neglected including blackthorn, holly, hazel, sycamore, bramble and wild clematis.

The hedge was severely overgrown, and on one boundary was impinging on a public right of way and neighbouring drive. The site was on a steep slope, which made work difficult and dangerous.

The client wanted it laid and/or coppiced as required to ensure thick re-growth, as well as coppicing the hazel and sycamore to provide stakes, and encourage new growth that could be laid in future. A few feature hollies were trimmed (trunk) to shoulder height with suckers being retained and laid to provide variety. Wild clematis and bramble were a particular problem due to extent and age. The desired outcome was for a thick hedge that would be easy to maintain (trim) with a petrol-powered hedge trimmer as required.

The following work was undertaken:

- All bramble and clematis cut at ground level and removed. Carted away and burnt.
- Faced-up and cut into the hedge and removed dead and decaying material and then laid the remaining sound growth, leaving a few standards as features.
- As part of the above, the hazel was coppiced for binders, and stakes were cut from the sycamore.
- Staked at about 1m centres and bound with hazel cut on site.
- Site left in a tidy state.
- Provided on-going consultancy re. Management.

Regrowth 6 months later

