

Case Studies



:: Conservation Hedgerow



The hedge was dominated by ivy and was half rotten, past management had been laying (approx 40 years ago) subsequent flail trimming resulting in thick and entangled 'birds nests' at two heights.

The client wanted it laid and/or coppiced as required to ensure eventual re-growth, along with replanting as required (with hawthorn) to provide a good wildlife and landscape feature.

The following work was undertaken:

- Removed ivy from base of hedge on both sides
- Face-up and cut into the hedge – about 80% material removed.
- Cut out and removed dead and decaying material (about 50% of balance).
- Laid and coppiced the remaining sound growth, leaving a few standards as features.
- Staked at about 1m centres and bound with willow and hazel available on site.
- Replanted gaps with hawthorn to provide variation.
- Waste material burned on site, site left in a tidy state.
- Re-inspected – particularly with regard to rabbit damage.
- Re-inspected to check growth of replacement plants.

