

Good Gifts Catalogue

6031: Plant 10 metres of hedgerow

7043: Plant 25 metres of hedgerow

6032: Plant 100 metres of hedgerow



Areas of traditional English hedgerow are on the decline. Help to regenerate these environmentally friendly ecosystems by replanting 10, 25 or 100 metres of lost hedgerow.

It has been estimated that certain of Britain's hedgerows may be up to 700 years old. What stories they could tell! From drovers off to market to careening 4x4s, much has changed but much remains the same. Home to an abundance of insects, birds and mammals, hedgerows provide essential protection from wind and soil erosion.

Hedgerows come in all shapes and sizes: short, tall, incorporating trees, or planted on built-up earth banks. Each 10 metres of hedgerow requires 50 hedging plants, including hawthorn, guelder rose, field maple, hazel and dog rose – not to mention trees. The range of borders supports a wide variety of wildlife. Partridges, linnets and yellowhammers prefer short hedgerows (of under two metres) with grass margins. Song thrushes and turtledoves prefer wide hedgerows over four metres tall. Many hole-nesting birds, such as the tree sparrow, can use old hedgerow trees. Species such as dormice benefit from tall hedgerows linking woodlands around the farm. A truly diverse ecosystem!

Pub quiz trivia: Which county has the most hedgerow (by total length)?

Answer: Devon