Hedging Sundries

Prices per item							
Bonemeal, Blood Fish	& Bone						
4kg	£10.95						
10kg	£19.95						
Rootgrow							
60g	£2.95						
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360g	£10.95						
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5ft Round Tree Stake 1.5m x 75mm	£11.95						
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Spiral Guards							
16" Clear	5 for £1	.50 or £0.30 each					
Tree Shelter							
60cm	£2.95						
Tree Ties							
16"	£1.79						
Bamboo Canes							
3ft	£0.20	10 no for £1.95					
4ft	£0.25 10 no for £2.40						

Prices quoted inclusive of VAT.



Hedging Brochure

2023-2024 Season

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Hedges act as wind and sound breaks whilst feeding and sheltering many species of wildlife. They are economical too since their durability to the elements and life span far exceeds that of fences and walls.

Hedges can also be beautiful, reflecting the seasons and providing a canvas to enhance other plants.

When choosing the species, you may want to consider:

- One variety or mixture of species?
- Formal or informal?
- Dwarf or tall?
- Evergreen or deciduous?
- Edible fruits?
- Is it acting as a boundary to contain livestock?
- Is the site exposed?

Hedging plants are available here at the nurseries all year. We have evergreen hedging in pots all year round and from November to April we also provide bare root hedging.

This brochure contains all you need to know about the hedging we stock, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

If you can't see the hedging that you want listed, please ask us and we can source it for you.

Plants offered subject to availability.

Planting guide

If possible, get the preparation done before the winter planting season - while the weather and soil is still warm - clear all weeds at least 30cms on both sides of the proposed hedge line.

Dig a trench at least 45cm (18in) wide and 30cm (1ft) deep, then prick the sides and bottom of the trench with a garden fork to help the roots to establish.

Enrich the soil with organic matter to improve the structure of the soil. If the soil has poor drainage add sharp sand or coarse grit (make sure it is lime-free). If the soil is heavy clay take care not to create a solid basin at the base of the trench that will stop the water from draining freely. If using Rootgrow (which we strongly recommend), follow the instructions on the pack.

Water the plants and allow them to drain and also fill the planting hole with water and allow it to drain away (water is the secret to success!). If you are using bare roots, it's a good idea to stand them in a bucket of water for an hour before planting.

Gently tease out the roots of pot grown plants and plant them (at the same depth as they were in the pot) into the trench, or in the case of bare root and root-balled plants, plant to the damp line on the main stem where you can see they were previously planted in the fields. Firm the soil to eliminate air pockets. It's really important that there are no air pockets because this is how frost damage is caused.

Water each plant with approximately one full watering can per plant or more for plants over 1m tall. For all plants, it is essential that they are kept well watered during their first year, even in winter when they are dormant. As a guide, in dry weather at least two gallons (10 litres) of water per square metre should be applied twice a week. Also, it is advisable to spray over the foliage of evergreens in the evenings as well as watering.

Keep the whole area clear of weeds and grass for at least 2 years. Mulch to prevent weeds and retain moisture.

In the first year plants often come into leaf and flower much later than established plants and it should not be assumed that the plants have failed should they be late into leaf. Evergreen shrubs may drop their leaves when transplanted, they should re-grow new shoots within three months of planting.

Viburnum lantana (Wayfaring Tree)

Vigorous, upright, native, deciduous shrub with large leaves which are hairy underneath. It has rich autumn colouring and creamy-white flowers from May to June followed by oblong fruits which change from red to black. Tolerates any soil but thrives in chalk and limestone.

Planting distance: For hedges 5-10ft (1.5m-3m) Plant 2ft (60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80 cm BR	£2.80	£2.75	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50

Viburnum opulus (Guelder Rose)

This makes a vigorous, bushy, native, deciduous hedge. Plants produce heavily scented white flowers in May and June, followed by bunches of red berries (which the birds absolutely love.) Rich Autumn leaf colour. Thrives in wet or boggy soil. Trim to shape after flowering, taking care not to remove flowering/berrying stems. *Planting distance*: For hedges 5–10ft (1.5m–3m) Plant 2ft (60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80 cm BR	£2.80	£2.75	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50

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Species listings

Acer campestre (Field Maple)

Hardy and strong in difficult clay soils and attractive as its in the maple family. The wood has tough ribbed bark often used for carving. The foliage is a rich golden colour in the Autumn. Small yellowy green flowers open with the leaves in late spring, later producing winged fruits we call helicopters! It grows well in limestone areas in well drained but moist soil. Hedge trim in winter.

Planting distance: For hedges 4-15ft (1.2-4.6m). Plant 18ins (45cm) apart

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+
60-100cm BR	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35	£2.30	£2.25	£2.20

Amelanchier lamarckii (June Berry)

A classy deciduous hedge with wonderful colour changing foliage, white flowers and edible fruit. Hedge trim after flowering.

Planting distance: For hedges 4-6ft (1.2-1.8m). Plant 18ins (45cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+
60-80cm BR	£3.95	£3.90	£3.85	£3.80	£3.75	£3.70

Buxus sempervirens (Box)

A native evergreen, slow growing, but very formal. Grows up to 6ft and requires regular trimming in August or September.

Planting distance: For hedges 1-9ft (0.3-2.7m). Plant 9-15ins (23-38cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+				
30-40cm BR	£3.95	£3.90	£3.85	£3.80	£3.75	£3.70				
4 Litre pot	£9.95	£9.85	£9.75	£9.65	£9.55	£9.45				
Sold in packs of 6:										
20cm	£12.95	£12.85	£12.75							
30cm	£18.95	£18.85	£18.75	£18.65						

Carpinus betulus (Hornbeam)

Ideal where a fairly wide hedge is required. It copes well in clay or chalk soils. Autumn leaves usually remain attached until spring so it still provides a barrier or winter screening. Catkins appear in late spring followed by clusters of winged nutlets. One of the very best hedging choices similar to beech but retaining cover longer.

Prune in late summer to make sure that leaves are retained for winter.

Planting distance: For hedges 3ft (0.9m) upwards. Plant 9-18ins (23-45cm) apart or for a denser or stock-proof hedge plant in a staggered double row with 15ins (38cm) between rows and 18ins (45cm) between plants.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80cm BR	£1.95	£1.90	£1.85	£1.80	£1.75	£1.70	£1.65
100-125cm BR	£3.95	£3.90	£3.85	£3.80	£3.75	£3.70	£3.65

Cornus alba 'Sibirica' (Dogwood)

A deciduous shrub that has very attractive red stems to admire in winter. Leaves turn red in Autumn with white flowers and fruits. Unrestrained growing habit. *Planting distance*: For hedges 4-6ft (1.2m-2m). Plant 12-24ins (30-60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80cm BR	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35	£2.30	£2.25
2L	£9.95	£9.85	£9.75	£9.65	£9.55	£9.45	£9.35

Corylus avellana (Hazel)

Fast growing, native, and deciduous. It grows very dense. Strong flexible stems make it ideal wood for building hurdles. It is noted for lovely catkins and cobs (hazel nuts). Hedge trim in March.

Planting distance: For hedges 5-12ft (1.5-3.7m). Plant 2-3ft (60-90cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-100cm BR	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35	£2.30	£2.25

Rosa canina (Dog Rose)

A wild rose. This is a very fast growing deciduous native plant. Very hardy with a strong growing habit. It has single leaved pink or white flowers, followed by hips in the Autumn. Hedge trim in winter if necessary.

Planting distance: For hedges 4-5ft (1.2-1.5m). Plant 12-18ins (30-45cm) apart

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-100cm BR	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40

Rosa rugosa

A dense fast growing deciduous hedge with small bristly thorns and orange-red hips in early autumn. Large deep pink flowers, which are heavily scented. Flowers June to September. Trim as necessary in winter.

Planting distance: For hedges 4-7ft (1.2m-2.1m). Plant 12-24ins (30-60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
40-60cm BR	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35	£2.30	£2.25	£2.20	£2.15

Taxus baccata (English Yew)

The English yews commonly seen in churchyards make one of the best long-lived dividing hedge. Dense dark native evergreen with bright red fruits attractive to birds in winter It provides a dark background for flower beds and borders and is shade tolerant. Hedge trim in autumn.

Planting distance: For hedges 12ins (0.3m) upwards. Plant 18ins (45cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+					
20-40cm BR	£4.65	£4.60	£4.55	£4.50	£4.45	£4.40					
60-80cm BR	£8.90	£8.85	£8.80	£8.75	£8.70	£8.65					
Potted											
3ltr 40-50cm	£9.95	£9.85	£9.75	£9.65	£9.55	£9.45					
5ltr 80–100	£25.95	£25.85	£25.75	£25.65	£25.55	£25.45					
15ltr 120cm	£99.95	£99.75	£99.55	£99.35	£99.15	£98.95					
25ltr 150-160 cm	£155.95	£154.95	£153.95	£152.95	£151.95	£150.95					
Root-balled											
80-100cm	£45.95	£45.85	£45.75	£45.65							
125-150cm	£99.95	£99.75	£99.55	£99.35							
175-200cm	£235.95	£234.95	£233.95	£232.95							

Prunus laurocerasus 'Rotundifolia' (Cherry Laurel)

Large glossy leaves makes this the obvious choice for those wanting a substantial hedge. Tolerates any soil and aspect, unlike other hedges, this will require pruning by hand in March or August.

Planting distance: For hedges 4ft (1.2m) upwards. Plant 18-24ins (45-60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+
2-3L 40-50cm	£14.95	£14.85	£14.75	£14.65
5L 80-100cm	£23.95	£23.85	£23.75	£23.65
7.5L 100-125cm	£35.95	£35.75	£35.55	£35.35
25L 185-200cm	£119.95	£118.95	£117.95	£116.95

Prunus spinosa (Blackthorn)

A deciduous thorny plant, related to the plum. Black sloes are excellent for making Gin. Fast growing and extremely strong and impenetrable.

Any soil and aspect, does well on quite poor or heavy soils.

Hedge trim as necessary.

Planting distance: For hedges 3-10ft (1m-3m) Plant 18" (45cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-100 cm BR	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35	£2.30	£2.25

Quercus robur (English Oak)

Native, deciduous shrub that supports wildlife. Strong and resilient. Retains autumn foliage through winter.

Planting distance: For hedges 5-10ft (1.5m-3m) Plant 2ft (60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
80-100 cm BR	£2.80	£2.75	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50

Quercus rubra (Red Oak)

Great choice to include in a native hedge mix. Light green leaves in spring, turning crimson red in autumn.

Planting distance: For hedges 5-10ft (1.5m-3m) Plant 2ft (60cm) apart.

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Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
80-100 cm BR	£2.80	£2.75	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50

Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn)

This is the most common form of hedge in the UK. It grows quickly. It's tough and very good on chalk. It produces blossom and later red berries (Haws). The thorns make it a strong barrier. This is a deciduous hedge that mixes well with other species. It is excellent for wildlife. Hedge trim between July and March.

Planting distance: For hedges 3-20ft (0.9-6m). Plant 9-12ins (23-30cm) apart or for a denser or stock-proof hedge plant in a staggered double row with 15ins (38cm) between rows and 18ins (45cm) between plants.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-100cm BR	£1.80	£1.75	£1.70	£1.65	£1.60	£1.55	£1.50
125-150cm BR	£3.80	£3.75	£3.70	£3.65	£3.60	£3.55	£3.50

Cupressocyparis leylandii Golden or Green

A very fast growing (80–90cm/year!) evergreen conifer. Perfect if privacy is what you are after. Hedge trim in September and trim it tight to keep it from spreading. *Planting distance:* Plant 2ft (60cm) apart for a 6ft (1.8m) hedge. For taller hedges or screens the planting distance should be about a quarter of the proposed height.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+
3ltr	£12.95	£12.85	£12.75	£12.65
10ltr 1.2-1.5m	£39.95	£39.75	£39.55	£39.35

Euonymus europaeus (Spindle berry)

A quick growing green-stemmed deciduous variety. White flowers are produced in summer. This has very attractive Autumn foliage and rather dainty unusual red pink fruits with orange seeds. It will thrive in most soils.

Planting distance: For hedges 4-7ft (1.2m-2.1m). Plant 12-24ins (30-60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-100cm BR	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35

Fagus sylvatica (Green Beech)

A golden brown native hedge. Easy to maintain as a formal boundary with regular clipping. The leaves persist well through the autumn and into the winter. Slow to establish and does not do well in wet heavy ground but it is great in all other situations and tolerates alkaline soil. It certainly makes one of the best hedges around. Copper/Purple beech also makes a fine hedge and is a cultivar of common beech. Hedge trim July or August.

Planting distance: For hedges 3ft (0.9m) upwards. Plant 9-18ins (23-45cm) apart or for a denser or stock-proof hedge plant in a staggered double row with 15ins (38cm) between rows and 18ins (45cm) between plants.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80cm BR	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40	£2.35	£2.30	£2.25
100-125cm BR	£3.60	£3.55	£3.50	£3.45	£3.40	£3.35	£3.30
150-175cm BR	£8.50	£8.45	£8.40	£8.35	£8.30	£8.25	£8.20

Fagus sylvatica 'Atropurpurea' (Copper/Purple Beech)

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80cm BR	£4.20	£4.15	£4.10	£4.05	£4.00	£3.95	£3.90
125-150cm BR	£8.40	£8.35	£8.30	£8.25	£8.20	£8.15	£8.10

Ligustrum ovalifolium 'Aureum' (Golden Privet)

A variegated (Yellow/Green) evergreen hedge with white flowers in July. Shade tolerant but slightly slower growing than green privet. Hedge trim as necessary to keep it compact.

Planting distance: For hedges 3-10ft (0.9m-3m). Plant 12-15ins (30-38cm) apart or for a denser hedge plant in a staggered double row with 15ins (38cm) between rows and 18ins (45cm) between plants.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80 cm BR	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55	£2.50	£2.45	£2.40

Ligustrum ovalifolium (Green Privet)

Semi evergreen, deep green leaves with masses of delicate white flowers that bloom in summer, attracting butterflies and bees. Makes an ideal formal hedge. Suits almost all soils. Shade tolerant. Normally evergreen but may lose leaves in very cold winters. Hedge trim as necessary.

Planting distance: For hedges 3-12ft (0.9-3.7m). Plant 12-15ins (30-38cm) apart or for a denser hedge plant in a staggered double row with 15ins (38cm) between rows and 18ins (45cm) between plants.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	250+
60-80cm BR	£2.85	£2.80	£2.75	£2.70	£2.65	£2.60	£2.55

Photinia 'Red Robin'

Noted for their rich red new growth and dark green leathery shiny leaves similar to a Rhododendron. A tough large growing shrub. Very attractive red new leaves and small white flowers in spring. Hedge trim in spring.

Planting distance: For hedges 5-8ft (1.5-2.4m). Plant 2-3ft (60-90cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+
2L 30-50cm	£12.95	£12.85	£12.75	£12.65
10ltr 80-100cm	£39.95	£38.95	£37.95	£36.95

Prunus Iusitanica

These frequently make good tall thick foliage hedges. Excellent for privacy.

Upright in habit with small dark green leaves and red stems. Prefers medium to light shade but tolerant of deep shade and full sunlight. Any soil including shallow chalk. Hedge trim in June/July.

Planting distance: For hedges 4-10ft (1.2-3m). Plant 18-24ins (45-60cm) apart.

Prices per plant	1+	5+	10+	25+
2-3L 40-50cm	£14.95	£14.85	£14.75	£14.65
5L 60-80cm	£22.95	£22.75	£22.55	£22.35
10L 125-150cm	£49.95	£48.95	£47.95	£46.95