

MIXED NATIVE HEDGE FOR PRESTEIGNE CEMETERY

The bespoke species mixture I'd advise for the advanced planting of outer boundary hedge should be as follows:

25% Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
25% Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)
10% Native privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)
10% Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)
10% Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)
10% Dogwood (*Cornus sanguineum*)
10% Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*)

With a couple of added berrying shrubs, this is in line with the existing hedge; climbers will come in naturally. I would recommend planting the bulk of the hawthorn and holly on the stock side of the hedge with some hazel. Note no blackthorn.

Hedging plants are to be 60-80 cm high, 1+1, bare-root, healthy and vigorous transplants to be planted in a double staggered row, 450mm apart, with 7 plants per linear metre. All transplants shall be protected with a 400mm high plastic spiral rabbit guard supported by a 750mm stake or cane. Stock proof fencing should be erected to protect hedging from grazing as required. The hedge is to be maintained for a period of 5 years following planting, ensuring adequate watering and fertilising is carried out to ensure good establishment and that all dead, diseased or damaged plants are replaced annually where required.