

There are various varieties of shrubs you can use for hedge planting. Here are some options:

**Wild Roses** (*Rosa rugosa alba*)

A large, tough, prickly shrub growing to about 6ft by about 5ft wide. Large single white flowers are followed by orange, orange-red hips. When planted alternately with *rugosa rubra* the two make a colourful mix. Plant 3ft apart.

**Hawthorn** (*Crataegus monogyna*)

When trimmed repeatedly gives a low hedge. If given a free rein provides a cattle proof boundary hedge with white flowers and harmless red berries. Space 1ft apart.

**Firethorn** (*Pyracantha 'Orange Glow'*) Attractive in flower and fruit and makes a prickly hedge to keep intruders out! Will grow in any garden soil. Plant 2ft apart and will grow to 12ft.

**Butterfly Bush** (*Buddleia davidii*)

Butterflies are attracted to this fragrant shrub. It is easily grown reaching about 8ft by 8ft. Long flower spikes July-October.

**Barberry** (*Berberis stenophylla*)

Makes an impenetrable hedge, spaced 2ft apart with long arching prickly sprays, flowering yellow April to May. Reaches 9ft if left uncut.

**Hornbeam** (*Carpinus betulus*)

Similar to beech but with grey bark and green leaves which hang on late. Plant 1.5ft apart, grows to 2-3ft.

**Holly** (*Ilex aquifolium*)

The cultivars "J C Van Tol" and "Pyramidalis" are both self-fertile and will give heavy drops of berries. Grows to height of 6ft by about 4ft. July is a good time to trim, Plant 2ft apart,

Further information can be obtained from your local **Police Crime Prevention Specialist**.

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## HEDGE PLANTING

Hedges can reduce long-term fencing and improve the environment around your premises.

- Suitable native species are listed here
- For maximum density and wildlife interest plant 40% Blackthorn, 40% Hawthorn, 20% other listed species
- Include hedgerow trees such as ash and oak at wide intervals, e.g. 10m+
- Plant holly next to hedgerow trees because it will withstand shading when the trees become larger
- Hedges should be planted October-March
- Choose plants 40-60cm tall for best results
- Plant hedgerow trees within tree shelters so they are easily distinguished from the shrubs
- Grant aid may be available for hedge planting
- To qualify for grant aid the planting needs to be in two rows 15cm apart from plants staggered at 25cm spacing.

**Cutting will encourage vigorous regeneration, helping to provide the thick growth needed.**

**WEED CONTROL IS IMPORTANT AT ALL TIMES UNTIL THE HEDGE IS WELL ESTABLISHED.**

