

Why Plant Willow?

Provided by Kings Barn Farm

1. Willow is relatively cheap compared to other types of hedging - especially if bought from us where we keep our prices low!
2. It's easy to grow - care is more essential than skill.
3. It's fast growing and will outgrow most other forms of hedging.
4. Willow can be coppiced easily to thicken the hedge.
5. It can also be laid to form an even thicker more traditional hedge.
6. Better still, plant the rods at an angle and weave them in and out of each other to form a fedge. A fedge is not only practical but decorative as well.
7. A very sturdy (wind fast) hedge can be produced by planting the willow rows further apart, angling the rods towards each other to form an inverted V, much like a runner beam frame.
8. There are no nasty thorns to contend with, making it:
9. Easier to trim.
10. Easier to clear away.
11. Safer - no infected puncture wounds.
12. Lawn tractor friendly - no punctures.
13. The hedge can be trimmed to form a low hedge or left to grow into a high hedge

Reasons Not to Plant Willow

1. Please do not plant willow near building foundations or drains as the roots are invasive and will seek out water sources. Plant at least one and a half times the eventual height of the hedge away from drains and foundations. We accept no responsibility for any damage through your planting of willow in unsuitable places.

2. It's not really suitable for a formal hedge
3. As it grows quickly it will need frequent trimming if you want to maintain a constant hedge height. It's best to leave it to grow the whole season and trim it once at the end of the year.
4. It's not evergreen and on the whole you can still see through it. However if the hedge is laid, coppiced, or planted as a wide hedge it's virtually impossible to see through.