

Design Statement  
**Proposed Planting**

The Barn  
Cooks Lane  
Sapcote  
Leicestershire

Removal of an overgrown Leylandii hedge and 2m chainlink fence, replaced with Native, Evergreen Hedgerow consisting of Wild Privet, English Yew and English Holly in front of a 1.8m timber panel fence.

Photos:

Frontage from 2009 of non-native Leylandii.



Frontage prior to New Planting.



Frontage from 2009 of non-native Leylandii



Frontage following Renovations but prior to New Planting.



Decaying non-native Leylandii



## Suggested UK Native Plants:

### Wild Privet

A UK Native, this variety of Privet is Evergreen and very useful to provide lots of nest sites for wild birds.

*Ligustrum Vulgare* has creamy white flowers which appear in spring that are very popular with butterflies and birds.

Growth Rate: average 30cm per year

Height: Easily maintained up-to 4 metres.



Wild Privet Flowers

## English Yew

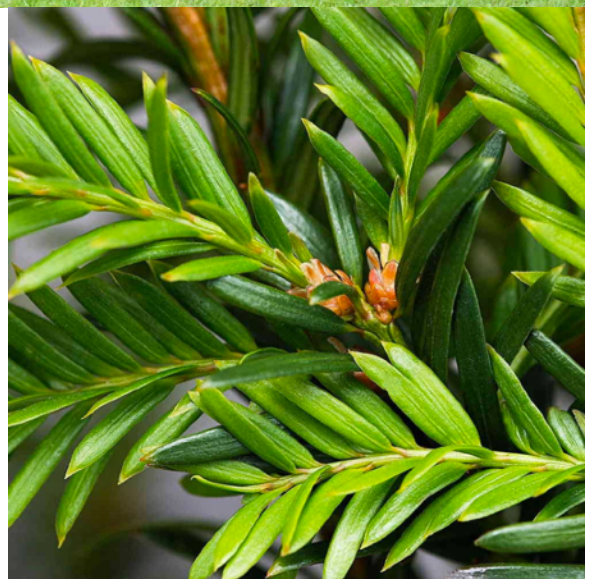
Known as the King of Hedges, the English Yew is an evergreen species with an elegantly stylish appearance.

A true British classic, English Yew is the most popular conifer hedge, admired for its versatility, ease of maintenance and year-round interest.

*Taxus Baccata* is also perfect for creating eye-catching topiary shapes, as well as making an excellent boundary hedge for small and large gardens alike.

Growth Rate: Average 30cm per year

Height: Easily maintained at up-to 5m



## English Holly

*Ilex Aquifolium* is a beautiful and versatile evergreen.

It is notable for its distinctive prickly leaves - deep green and glossy, its bright-red winter berries and attractive ornamental aesthetic.

Its dense prickly habit also makes English Holly hedging an excellent security barrier and privacy screen.

Growth Rate: Average 10cm per year.

Height: Easily maintained up-to 4m



English Holly Berries

## Conclusion:

The Barn has been meticulously renovated to be suitable as a home for many further generations beyond its already circa 240 year life.

The Outside Space has been equally improved and the intended addition of the replacement greenery to the frontage will reinstate the green corridor of Cooks Lane.

The new Timber Panel Fence has been purposely set back roughly 1m from the official boundary to allow for the replacement planting.

Utilising UK Native species rather than non-native *lylandii* also provides a biodiversity gain, creating habitat for native wildlife.