

## Hedgerow Basketry

Thanks to funding from Learn Devon a group of eight adults enjoyed a pleasant couple of mornings at Lupton House near Brixham discovering what grew in the hedgerow could be used for making baskets.

The course was organised by Adult and Community Learning at Brixham with tutor Viv Turner demonstrating how to create a wheel shape from withies grown in Somerset for the base. The students used the first class to identify pliable but strong materials in the Lupton hedges that could be used to intertwine around the basic frame to create the sides of the basket.

Individuals chose a range of materials and colours which made the finished products look very rustic. Students were engrossed throughout and very keen to continue, so Viv offered to teach a further one day course on May 5<sup>th</sup> at a fee of £20. Learners' comments included "excellent tutor, excellent course, highly recommended" and "brilliant thank you, more please".

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