

**CLASSES 3A, 4A & 5A  
STOCKJUDGING (SENIOR SECTION)  
SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2010 AT MARSTON MEATS, MARSTON, PEMBRIDGE,  
HEREFORDSHIRE  
Book in at 10.30 am ready to start time at 11.00 am**

1. This competition is open to **SIX** members per Club 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2009. **Only the highest marks will count towards the overall score per Club.** Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on ONE RING of the following stock:-

<b>Class 3A</b>	<b>BEEF</b>	<b>Four Butchers Beef</b>
<b>Class 4A</b>	<b>PIGS</b>	<b>Four Butchers Pigs</b>
<b>Class 5A</b>	<b>BUTCHERS LAMBS</b>	<b>Four Butchers Lambs</b>

To be judged as **Commercial Butchers Animals**

2. Competitors will be allowed **TEN** minutes to view, handle and place each ring. Senior competitors are also required to give PLACINGS ONLY on the Intermediate ring and will be allowed TEN minutes to view, handle and place this ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stockjudging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
3. Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the Judge when awarding marks.
4. NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING.
5. Competitors shall not communicate by word or sign with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging, under penalty of disqualification.
6. Competitors must wear white coats.
7. **NO COMPETITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN MORE THAN TWO OF THE NINE STOCKJUDGING CLASSES ON STOCKJUDGING DAY AND MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE OF THE THREE AGE GROUPS FOR EACH ANIMAL.**
8. Maximum marks 450 (150 per Class).
9. The HFYFC General Rally Competition Rules apply to this competition.

The total marks gained will be counted towards the Spillers Stockjudging Shield

ONE TEAM of THREE competitors (one 26, one 21 and one 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2009) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig & Horse Judging sections may represent the County in the stockjudging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 19th June 2010 at 1.30pm.

### HFYFC Pre Rally & Rally Competition General Rules

- 1) The competitions listed herein are open to members of Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) holding a valid current YFC membership card. (Valid is classed as being of the correct year, having a signature and passport photograph of the member attached to the card) These general rules apply to all pre rally and rally competitions
- 2) Any member who fails to produce a valid membership card will be able to purchase a temporary membership card from the office on the day provided that they are already a member. The card will cost £5 and will only be valid for the purpose of entering competitions on Rally day. Failure to produce a valid membership card will mean that the member will be unable to compete in the competition
- 3) Age ranges for competitions are as follows:
  - a. Senior - Open to members 26 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year
  - b. Intermediate - Open to members 21 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year
  - c. Junior - Open to members 16 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.
- 4) Health and Safety requirements must be adhered to at all times.
- 5) Competitors must act in accordance with HFYFC policies, where applicable.
- 6) No alcohol is to be consumed by competitors before or during competitions. Any member judged to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance will not be permitted to continue with the competition and may be disqualified.
- 7) The use of all mobile phone's during competitions is prohibited.
- 8) No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
- 9) All work entered must be that of the competitor who has booked in.
- 10) Competitors must arrive on time and report to the competition steward *before* the start time of the competition to book in with all equipment necessary to complete the competition.
- 11) In the event of a conflict between the competition rules and the general rules, the competition rules will govern.
- 12) All staged items remain the responsibility of the competitor. HFYFC nor the site hosts accept any liability for loss, damage or theft of any item.
- 13) No staged items or exhibits can be removed before the end of prize giving at the penalty of disqualification.
- 14) In competitions with size limits; for any items that are over or under size, 5% of the marks scored will be deducted per 25mm, or part thereof over the amount stipulated in the rules up to a maximum of 100% of the marks
- 15) In competitions with time limits marks will be deducted if the allocated time is not reached or exceeded at the following rates:

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121 mins and over	5% of marks scored per ten minutes or part there of up to a maximum of 100% of the marks
- 16) The chief steward and rally task group leader reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition or rule at any time.
- 17) In all competitions the decision of the chief steward and the rally task group leader will be **final**.

**CLASSES 3B, 4B & 5B  
STOCKJUDGING (INTERMEDIATE SECTION)  
SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2010 AT MARSTON MEATS, MARSTON, PEMBRIDGE,  
HEREFORDSHIRE  
Book in at 10.30 am ready to start time at 11.00 am**

- 1 This competition is open to **SIX** members per Club 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2009. **Only the highest marks will count towards the overall score per Club.** Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on ONE RING of the following stock:-

<b>Class 3B</b>	<b>BEEF</b>	<b>Four Butchers Beef</b>
<b>Class 4B</b>	<b>PIGS</b>	<b>Four Butchers Pigs</b>
<b>Class 5B</b>	<b>BUTCHERS LAMBS</b>	<b>Four Butchers Lambs</b>

To be judged as **Commercial Butchers Animals.**

- 2 Competitors will be allowed **TEN** minutes to view, handle and place each ring.
- 3 Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the Judge when awarding marks.
- 4 **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING.**
- 5 Competitors shall not communicate by word or sign with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging, under penalty of disqualification.
- 6 Competitors must wear white coats.
- 7 **NO COMPETITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN MORE THAN TWO OF THE NINE STOCKJUDGING CLASSES ON STOCKJUDGING DAY AND MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE OF THE THREE AGE GROUPS FOR EACH ANIMAL.**
- 8 Maximum marks 300 (100 per Class).
- 9 The HFYFC General Rally Competition Rules apply to this competition.

The total marks gained will be counted towards the Spillers Stockjudging Shield.

ONE TEAM of THREE competitors (one 26, one 21 and one 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2009) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig & Horse Judging sections may represent the County in the Stockjudging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 19th June 2010 at 1.30 pm.

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  - c. Junior - Open to members 16 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.
4. Health and Safety requirements must be adhered to at all times.
5. Competitors must act in accordance with HFYFC policies, where applicable.
6. No alcohol is to be consumed by competitors before or during competitions. Any member judged to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance will not be permitted to continue with the competition and may be disqualified.
7. The use of all mobile phone's during competitions is prohibited.
8. No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
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16. The chief steward and rally task group leader reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition or rule at any time.
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**CLASSES JFD2, JFD4 & JFD5  
STOCKJUDGING (JUNIOR SECTION)  
SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2010 AT MARSTON MEATS, MARSTON, PEMBRIDGE,  
HEREFORDSHIRE  
Booking in at 10.30 am ready to start at 11.00 am**

- 1 This competition is open to **SIX** members per Club **16** years of age or under on 1st September 2009. **Only the highest marks will count towards the overall score per Club.** Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on ONE RING of the following stock:-

<b>Class 2</b>	<b>BEEF</b>	<b>Four Butchers Beef</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>PIGS</b>	<b>Four Butchers Pigs</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>BUTCHERS LAMBS</b>	<b>Four Butchers Lambs</b>

To be judged as **Commercial Butchers Animals.**

- 2 Competitors will be allowed **TEN** minutes to view, handle and place each ring
- 3 Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the Judge when awarding marks.
- 4 **NO CARDS OR NOTE BOOKS OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE RING.**
- 5 Competitors shall not communicate by word or sign with other competitors or onlookers during the time of judging, under penalty of disqualification.
- 6 Competitors must wear white coats.
- 7 **NO COMPETITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN MORE THAN TWO OF THE NINE STOCKJUDGING CLASSES ON STOCKJUDGING DAY AND MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE OF THE THREE AGE GROUPS FOR EACH ANIMAL.**
- 8 Maximum marks 300 (100 per Class).
- 9 The HFYFC General Rally Competition Rules apply to this competition.

The total marks gained will be counted towards the E D Bevan stockjudging trophy and NFU trophy awarded at Junior Field Day

ONE TEAM of three competitors (one 26, one 21, one 16 years of age or under on 1st September 2009) in each of the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Pig and Horse Judging sections may represent the County in the Stockjudging competition at the Three Counties Show on Saturday 19th June 2010 at 1.30pm.

## HFYFC Pre Rally & Rally Competition General Rules

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8. No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
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16. The chief steward and rally task group leader reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition or rule at any time.
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**CLASS 1A  
DAIRY STOCKJUDGING (SENIOR SECTION)  
SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2010 AT LOWER DERNDALE FARM, WELLINGTON, HEREFORD  
HR4 8BG  
Book in at 10.30 am ready to start time at 11.00 am**

1. This competition is open to **TWO** members per Club 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2009. **Only the highest marks will count towards the overall score per Club.** Competitors will be required to assess four dairy cows (Holstein Friesians) using the linear method of assessing characteristics. Competitors are also required to place the cattle in order of merit as to their suitability for milk production and breeding herd replacements.
2. Competitors to give positive Reasons to the Judges to justify their placings.
3. The cattle will be designated A, B, X, Y.
- 4 **TIMING**
  - a. Inspection and Handling 20 minutes
  - b. Reasons 10 minutes

Competitors who exceed the time limit for Reasons will incur penalties at a rate of 2 marks for each 15 seconds or part thereof.

- 5 Senior competitors are also required to give PLACINGS ONLY on the Intermediate ring and will be allowed TWENTY minutes to view, handle and place this ring. Competitors to note that if only one ring of stock is available for any of the stockjudging classes then the placing mark for that ring will be multiplied by two.
- 6 Competitors will be allowed TEN minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the Judge when awarding marks.
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- 9 Competitors must wear white coats.
- 10 **COMPETITORS MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE OF THE THREE AGE GROUPS ON DAIRY STOCKJUDGING DAY - SUNDAY 9TH MAY.**

11 **SCALE OF MARKS**

Correct Assessment	<b>100</b>
<i>(1 point will be deducted for each point of variation from the Master Judge's score)</i>	
Placings	50
Accuracy of Observations	25
Positive Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL PER COMPETITOR</b>	<b>200</b>

12 The HFYFC General Rally Competition Rules apply to this competition.

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**CLASS 1B  
DAIRY STOCKJUDGING (INTERMEDIATE SECTION)  
SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2010 AT LOWER DERNDALE FARM, WELLINGTON, HEREFORD  
HR4 8BG  
Book in at 10.30 am ready to start time at 11.00 am**

- 1 This competition is open to **TWO** members per Club 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2009. **Only the highest marks will count towards the overall score per Club.** Each competitor will be required to place and give reasons on ONE RING of Four Dairy Cows (Holstein Friesians) to be judged as **Commercial Breeding Stock** with due regard to the type recognised by the respective Breed Societies.
- 2 Competitors will be allowed **TEN** minutes to view, handle and place each ring.
- 3 Competitors will be allowed two minutes in which to state their reasons to the Judge. Reasons should be comparative rather than descriptive. Whilst stating reasons competitors will be permitted to consult any notes they may have made on the cards provided, but reasons without frequent reference to notes will carry greater weight with the Judge when awarding marks.
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- 6 Competitors must wear white coats.
- 7 **COMPETITORS MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE OF THE THREE AGE GROUPS ON DAIRY STOCKJUDGING DAY - SUNDAY 9TH MAY.**
- 8 Maximum marks 100.
- 9 The HFYFC General Rally Competition Rules apply to this competition.

The total marks gained will be counted towards the Spillers Stockjudging Shield

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30. No staged items or exhibits can be removed before the end of prize giving at the penalty of disqualification.
31. In competitions with size limits; for any items that are over or under size, 5% of the marks scored will be deducted per 25mm, or part thereof over the amount stipulated in the rules up to a maximum of 100% of the marks
32. In competitions with time limits marks will be deducted if the allocated time is not reached or exceeded at the following rates:

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121 mins and over	5% of marks scored per ten minutes or part there of up to a maximum of 100% of the marks
33. The chief steward and rally task group leader reserve the right to cancel or amend any competition or rule at any time.
34. In all competitions the decision of the chief steward and the rally task group leader will be **final**.

# CLASS 11

## FENCE ERECTING

Booking In Time 08.30 am  
Start Time 09.00 am

- 1 Each Club may enter **TWO TEAMS OF THREE** members. **Only the highest marks will count towards the overall score per Club.** One member shall be 21 years of age or under on 1st September 2009 and two members 26 years of age or under on 1st September 2009.
- 2 **HEALTH & SAFETY** - All competitions carried out at County, Area and National level must comply with Health and Safety Legislation and meet the relevant safety standards.

All teams **MUST**, as part of the competition, submit in advance a detailed Risk Assessment of the planned activity that covers all actions to be undertaken as part of the competition final. Marks are reserved for suitability of the Risk Assessment which will be reviewed and scored prior to the competition final. It is expected that the Risk Assessments will list all safety equipment and PPE to be used.

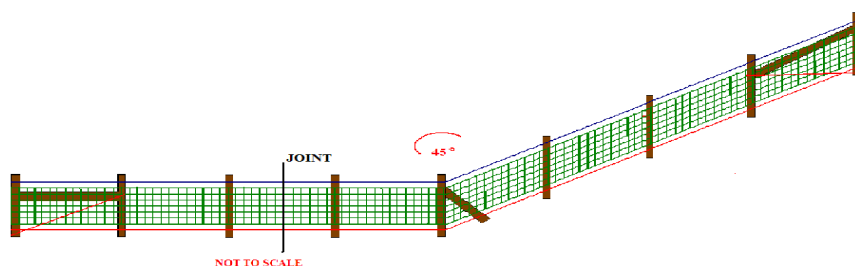
### HEALTH & SAFETY – ESSENTIAL READING/ACTION FOR ALL COMPETITORS

It is essential that all competitors read the Health and Safety Executive's guidance paper concerning fencing (HSE reference AFAG104) and note is taken of the safe working practices and protective clothing equipment that is recommended in that paper.

The Health and Safety Executive guidance paper 'Fencing' (AFAG104) can be downloaded from the HSE website [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/afag104](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/afag104)

### 3 PROCEDURE

- a) The team will be required to erect approximately 13.5m of sheep netted fence with one strand of plain high tensile wire on the bottom of the netting and one strand of barbed wire on the top of the netting (wire spacing to be determined by the competitors). A join in the netting should be made by hand (**no gripples**) where shown on the diagram. Box strainers should be constructed as shown on the diagram, at both ends of the fence and high tensile plain wire should be used to help support the second post as shown below. Half way along, the fence should turn at a 45° angle. The strainer at this point should have one strut to support it which should be angled into the field and should not be along the fence line itself.



*Diagram is not to scale and is for illustrative purposes only.*

- b) Hand tools only will be allowed and the teams themselves must provide these. No powered tools or chain saws are allowed.

- c) Competitors are not allowed to shorten any of the posts.
- d) The Judge reserves the right to inspect any strut following completion of the task.
- e) All teams are required to dismantle their fence after the Presentation of Awards. Any team not complying with this ruling will be disqualified.
- f) Clearing the ground – teams are required to clear away all debris and any off-cuts of wire etc should **not** be put down the postholes. Receptacles will be provided for this purpose. Soil will be available to make the ground good.
- g) The team are required to provide a written risk assessment two weeks before the competition for judging. One member of the team will be required to give a verbal risk assessment on the day of the competition.
- h) The Judge’s decision will be final.

4 Teams to provide the following fencing materials:-

- 3 x 6-8 inch round posts that are no shorter than 6ft 6inch and no longer than 7ft 6 inch (depending on availability)
- 1 x round struts (to match posts supplied)
- 2 x round props (to match posts supplied)
- 6 x intermediate round posts 3-4 inch x 6ft
- 15m standard sheep netting
- 15m barbed wire
- 25m high tensile plain wire
- Nails
- Staples

5 **TIMING – 2 hours** will be allowed. Time penalties – teams will be encouraged to complete the task but will lose **1 point** per minute over the allocated time.

6 **SCALE OF MARKS**

VERBAL Risk Assessment (suitability and compliance)	25
WRITTEN Risk Assessment (suitability and compliance)	25
Construction of box strainers and struts	50
Intermediate posts	50
Fixing, tying and tensioning wire	100
Overall neatness of finished job	50
(only applies if teams finish within the time limit).	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300</b>

NB. The emphasis is on the skills of fence erecting, tying wire, fixing struts etc, and not digging holes. Pointed posts will be used to save time and where possible should be knocked in using a fencing bell or drive-all.

7 NFYFC Competition Aim: To provide an opportunity for members to demonstrate the acquired skill in building a stock proof fence.

8 NFYFC Learning Outcomes: How to plan the building of a stock proof fence, practical skills in fence erecting, budgeting for materials, acquiring materials, use of hand tools.

9 The HFYFC General Rally Competition Rules apply to this competition.

## HFYFC Pre Rally & Rally Competition General Rules

1. The competitions listed herein are open to members of Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs (HFYFC) holding a valid current YFC membership card. (Valid is classed as being of the correct year, having a signature and passport photograph of the member attached to the card) These general rules apply to all pre rally and rally competitions
2. Any member who fails to produce a valid membership card will be able to purchase a temporary membership card from the office on the day provided that they are already a member. The card will cost £5 and will only be valid for the purpose of entering competitions on Rally day. Failure to produce a valid membership card will mean that the member will be unable to compete in the competition
3. Age ranges for competitions are as follows:
  - a. Senior - Open to members 26 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year
  - b. Intermediate - Open to members 21 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year
  - c. Junior - Open to members 16 years of age or under at the start of the YFC year and 10 years of age or over on the day of the competition.
4. Health and Safety requirements must be adhered to at all times.
5. Competitors must act in accordance with HFYFC policies, where applicable.
6. No alcohol is to be consumed by competitors before or during competitions. Any member judged to be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance will not be permitted to continue with the competition and may be disqualified.
7. The use of all mobile phone's during competitions is prohibited.
8. No competitor can enter the same competition in different age ranges.
9. All work entered must be that of the competitor who has booked in.
10. Competitors must arrive on time and report to the competition steward *before* the start time of the competition to book in with all equipment necessary to complete the competition.
11. In the event of a conflict between the competition rules and the general rules, the competition rules will govern.
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## Introduction

This leaflet covers the safe working practices to be followed when erecting and dismantling post and wire fences, but not woodwork fences.

You can use this leaflet within the risk assessment process to help identify the controls to put in place when carrying out fencing operations in forestry and other tree work.

For specific guidance on posthole borers, ATV quad bikes and other all-terrain vehicles see AFAG leaflets 105 *Hand-held power posthole borer*, 701 *ATV quad bikes*, and 702 *All-terrain vehicles*.

You must also assess the effect of the site and the weather as well as following this guidance.

All operators must have had appropriate training in how to carry out the tasks required (see AFAG leaflet 805 *Training and certification*).

## Personal protective equipment (PPE)

- 1 Use the following PPE:
  - Gloves to protect against barbed wire, splinters, scratches etc.
  - Non-slag outer clothing appropriate to the prevailing weather conditions. The use of high-visibility clothing may also be appropriate.
  - Protective boots with good grip and ankle support (complying with EN 345-1).
  - Eye protection (safety glasses to EN 166) is strongly advised because of the danger from flying debris, particularly when dismantling old fences.
- 2 Wear protective clothing appropriate to power tools if they are used, eg ear, face and eye protection.
- 3 Each person should carry a first-aid kit including a large wound dressing (see HSE leaflet INDG214 *First aid at work: Your questions answered*).
- 4 Hand-cleaning material such as waterless skin cleanser or soap, water and paper towels should be available.

## Tools and equipment

- 5 The tools and equipment selected will depend upon the type of fencing being erected/dismantled. Ensure that all tools and equipment are serviceable.
- 6 Tools and equipment must be well maintained with all cutting edges adequately guarded when not in use.
- 7 Do not place hand tools on the top of posts/stakes. Use a tool belt.
- 8 Report any defects.

## Manual handling

- 9 Follow best practice when manual handling (see HSE leaflet INDG145 *Watch your back*).
- 10 Do not attempt to carry too much and adjust the load to suit the site conditions.
- 11 Lift the power tool using the leg and arm muscles. Keep the back straight.
- 12 Organise the delivery of fencing materials to minimise manual handling, eg mechanised unloading or team work at a prepared site.
- 13 Organise the layout of materials on the site to minimise carrying. Where practical use an ATV or quad bike.
- 14 Get help with heavy or awkward materials.

## Preparing to work

- 15 Check the proposed fence line for underground hazards and services, eg cables, water and gas mains. Where present, ensure they are clearly marked.
- 16 Consult the local electricity company if working on fences within 40 m of overhead power lines.
- 17 When dismantling fences check for vegetation growth which could make the behaviour of the wire and net unpredictable. Take particular care with old fences.
- 18 Unload a trailer from the top side or the rear when it is on a side slope.

## Timber treated with preservative

- 19 Wear chemical-resistant gloves to handle timber which is still wet with preservative. (Dried preservative, or dried treated timber rewetted by rain is safe to handle.)
- 20 Do not use treated timber until the preservative has completely dried (up to 2-3 weeks after treatment).
- 21 Do not burn off-cuts of treated timber on site - dispose of them via a licensed waste contractor.
- 22 If wood preservatives approved for hand application are used to treat cut surfaces, observe the safety instructions on the label - eye protection, gloves and overalls. Always use the least hazardous product.

## Hand saw

- 23 Make sure the material being cut is secured.
- 24 When notch cutting, keep the free hand clear of the saw teeth.
- 25 If a chainsaw is used, see AFAG leaflet 301 *Using petrol-driven chainsaws*.

## Manual stake-driving tools

- 26 Do not support the stake by hand - use a stake holder.
- 27 Do not test or adjust the stake by hand while the driving tool is being used.
- 28 Keep a firm stance with the feet and legs clear of the driving tool.
- 29 When using a stake/post driver do not allow it to be lifted above the top of the post.
- 30 When using a maul, ensure no one is close to or in line with the swing.

## Mechanical post/stake drivers

- 31 This is a one-person operation.
- 32 If the post/stake driver is mounted to a tractor via a three-point linkage, the tractor must be large enough to remain stable during post/stake driving.
- 33 The machine must be properly parked and braked before post/stake driving begins.
- 34 There is a risk of flying debris from the driven post/stake. Suitable face protection should be worn.
- 35 The post driver should be fitted with a gripping device to remove the need for the operator to hold the post during operation of the machine.

## Wire material

- 36 Line wire may be of mild steel (MS), high tensile steel (HT) or spring steel (SS). Barbed wire and woven wire mesh netting (eg hinge joint) may be of MS or HT and all other netting (ie welded and hexagonal) is MS.
- 37 SS is stronger than HT which is stronger than MS. SS and HT cannot normally be strained to breaking point manually. MS stretches before it breaks. Kinks, twists and surface damage increase the risk of breakage in all types.
- 38 HT and SS recoil much more dangerously than MS when cut, broken or simply released.

## Line wire dispensing

- 39 Use a dispenser when unrolling line wires to avoid kinking and twisting.
- 40 Ensure the wire is kept firmly in place on the dispenser.

## Fixing

- 41 Fix one end of the line wire securely to the strainer post before applying tension.
- 42 Knots may only be used on MS wire, otherwise suitable wire connectors must be used.