

ANDY HEDGES OUT THE COMPETITION

A HEDGE laying competition has been held in memory of a keen conservationist.

Bolton Conservation Volunteers held the eighth annual Dr John Leather hedge laying competition at Blackleach Country Park Local Nature Reserve, Walkden.

It is held in memory of Dr Leather who died in 2003. He was a Bolton GP who was also a keen conservationist and enthusiastic hedge layer.

Eight teams of two competed with the finished work being judged by Noell Leather, Dr Leather's widow.

The winning team was Andy Pendlebury from Walkden, and Tom Bruce from Egerton.

Rick Parker, chairman of Bolton Conservation Volunteers, said: "The standard was very high and the winning team scored almost a perfect 10."



FIRST PLACE Winner Andy Pendlebury of Walkden