

The Hampshire Hedge



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Thanks to a generous corporate donation, we are funding five of our county CPREs in a project that will create or restore almost 10 miles of hedgerow by May 2022.

The initiative supports CPRE's [#40by50 campaign](#) to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises through a 40% increase in hedgerows by 2050. Working with local landowners to identify the sites that would benefit most, our groups are aiming to engage a combined total of 600 volunteers, 15 schools and two colleges.

We're excited to be introducing so many people to practical conservation work that will deepen their connection to local countryside. Here's the latest information on what's happening in each

- The seven project areas are:
- CPRE Avon and Bristol
 - CPRE East Midlands (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire)
 - CPRE Hampshire
 - CPRE Lancashire, Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester
 - CPRE Northamptonshire
 - CPRE Shropshire
 - Suffolk Preservation Society representing CPRE in Suffolk



Hedgerow Heroes Phase 1

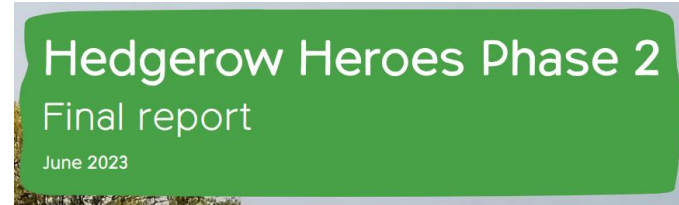
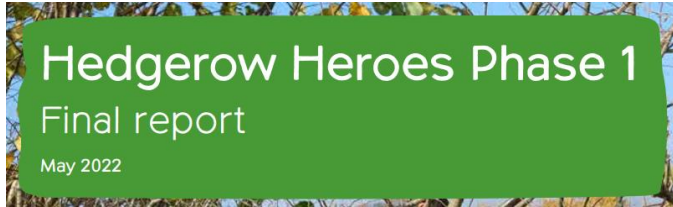
Final report

June 2023



	Original target	Output achieved
Metres of hedgerow planted or gapped up	13,473m	18,643m
Metres of hedgerow restored, coppiced or laid	4,736m	8,372m
Hedgerow improvement (Other hedgerow management not included above)	118km	118km
Number of events	118	203
People attending events	1,635	2,946
Volunteers new to hedgerows	135	1,006
People gaining accreditation	2	72
Volunteer days at practical events	280	1,783
People undertaking hedgerow surveys	37	29
Length of hedgerow surveyed	119.4km	167.72km
Number of schools actively engaged with	42	68

Hedgerow Heroes Projects in Hampshire



Hedgerow Heroes 1 (Autumn 2021 – Summer 2022)

- **1.3km** hedgerow **restored**
- **1.7km** new hedgerow **planted**
- 9 people **trained** to hedge lay
- 26 **engagement** days
- 2 **schools** involved
- 85 people involved

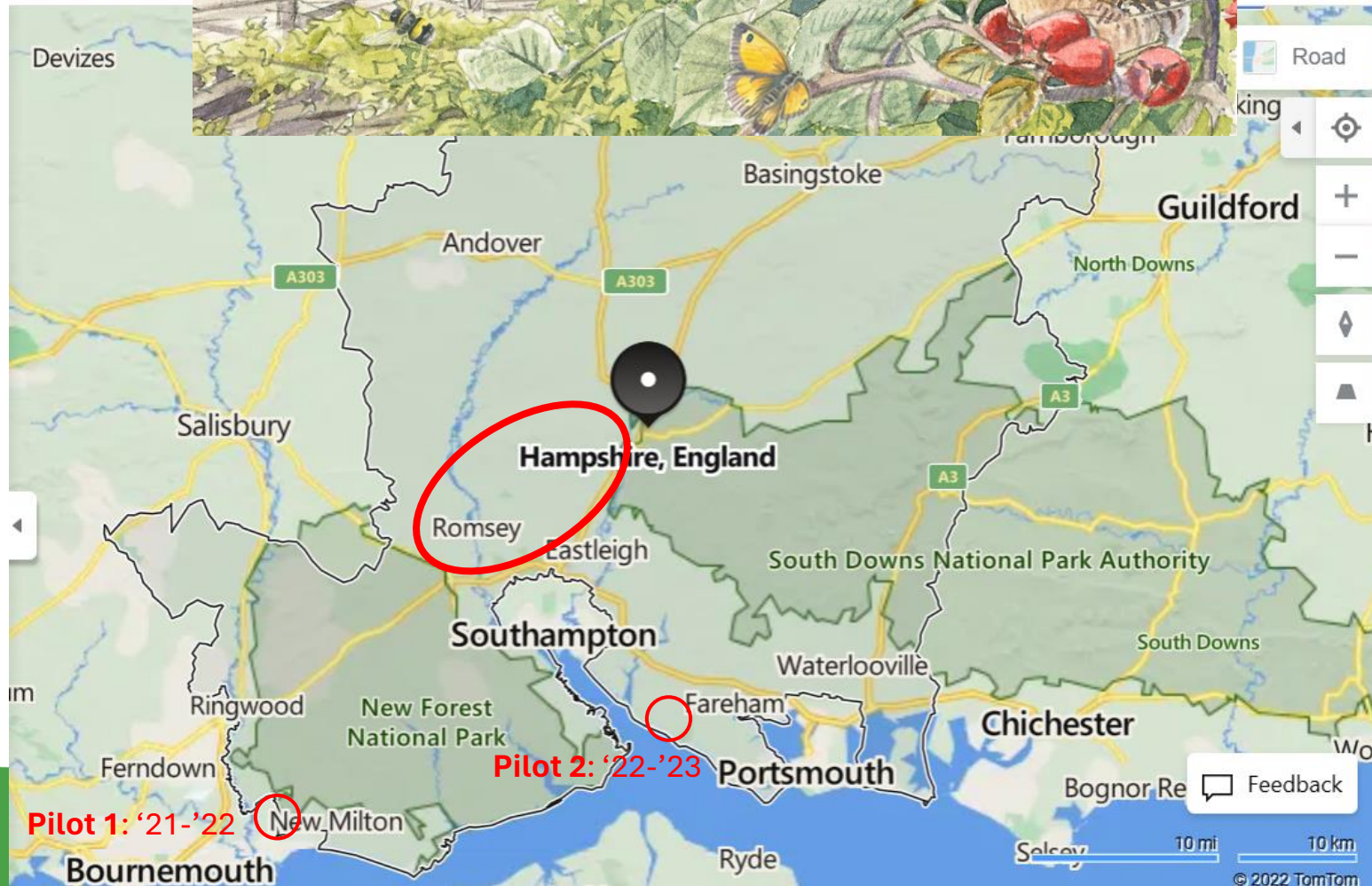
Hedgerow Heroes 2 (Autumn 2022 – Summer 2023)

- **4.3km** hedgerow **restored**
- **3.3km** new hedgerow **planted**
- 27 people **trained** to hedge lay
- 26 **engagement** days
- 4 **schools** involved
- 600+ people involved
- &
- 12 **community projects** funded
- 3x 3-month hedge laying **traineeships** provided



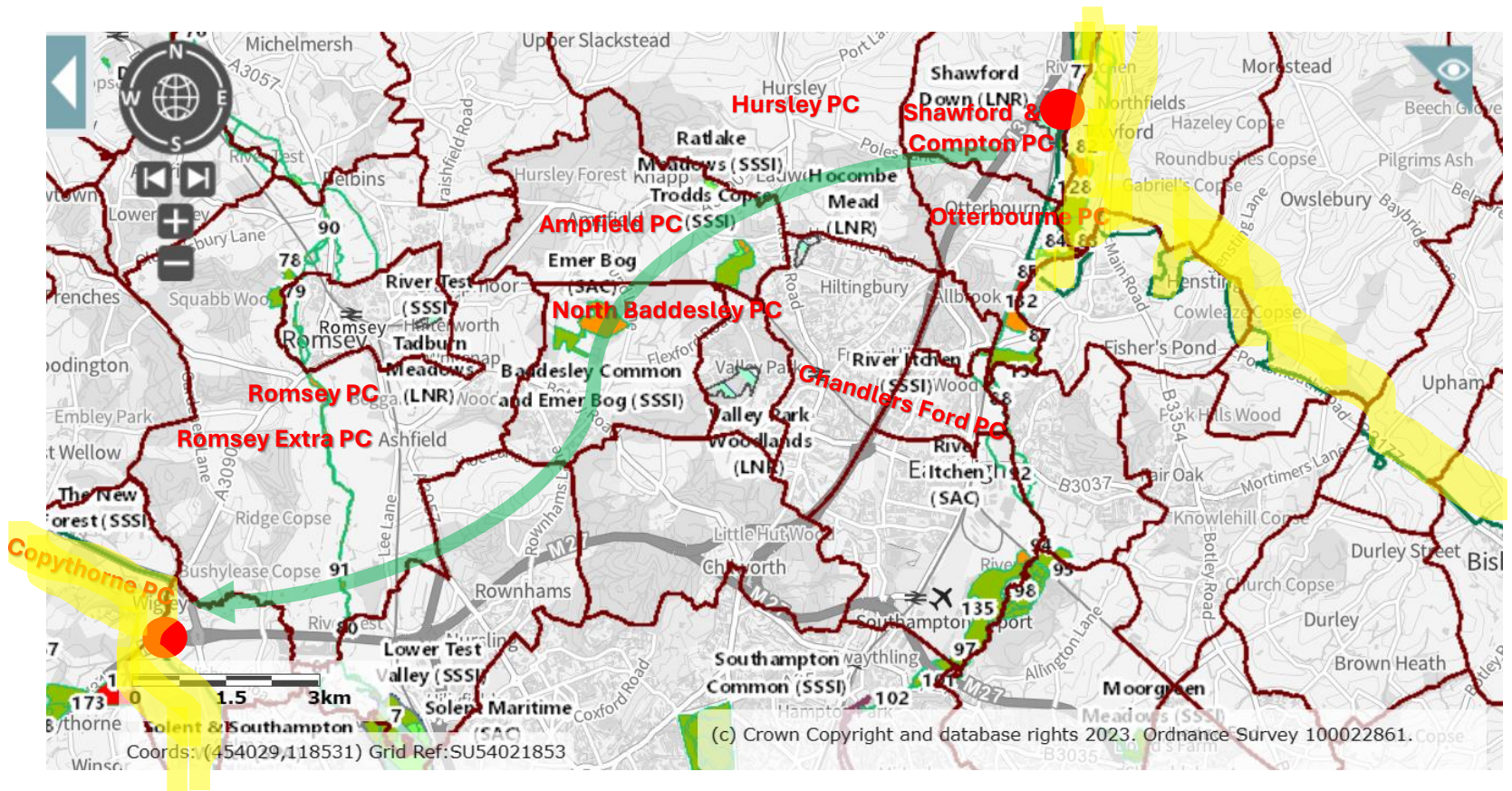
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Parish Councils Boundaries & National Park Linkage Points



● Approximate start/end point of Hampshire Hedge



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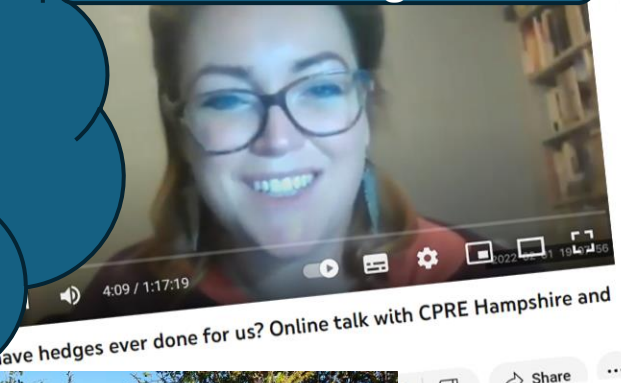
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Funding



Hedgerow Planting Days



Online Talks and
Training



Project Elements

Working in
Schools



Hedge Laying Training
Days



Hedge Laying
Traineeships

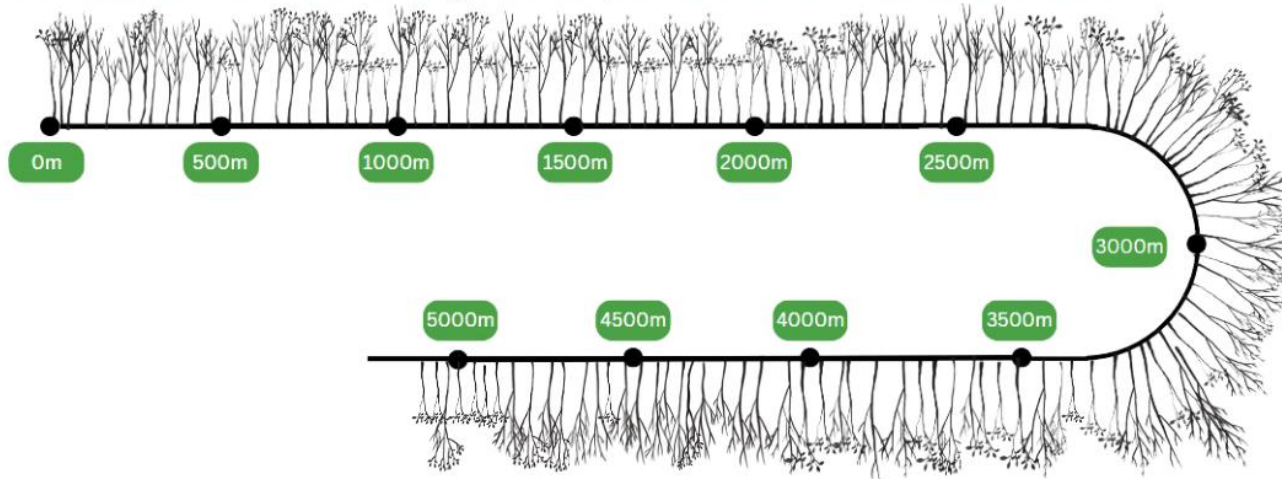


Hedge planting

- 5098m planted (25,500 plants approx. + 50 trees) over 30 planting sessions
- Across 5 schools, 4 farms, 7 community groups (through our Community Hedge Fund), 3 local businesses
- 202m gapped up & 293m coppiced and replanted
- Elms trial project – 40 standards



Total metres of hedgerow planted for 2023/2024



Elms trial project

- 40 disease resistant elms planted as standards in our hedgerows
- Supporting white letter hairstreak butterfly



Hedge laying training courses

- 12 training courses (18 days: 6x1-day courses & 6x2-day courses)
- 159 people trained
- (1 day of training saw 50 people trained by 8 trainers, laying 90m!)
- 492m laid on courses



Hedge laying traineeships

3x young people successfully completed

- 5 months full time paid on-the-job learning
- Full chainsaw PPE
- Chainsaw cross cutting & maintenance course
- First aid + F qualification
- Bronze level 1 Hedge laying course
- 4.8km laid



Schools

- 18 school engaged (plus 5 scout groups)
- Planted hedges at 4 schools & a mini orchard at another, 9 planting sessions
- 9 hedgerow lessons
- 588 children



Walks & Talks

- Hosted 3 hedge-centric online talks, 138 people attended
- 6x further talks by Project Officer reaching another 270+ people
- 3x walks on hedgerow management, foraging
- + more booked in!



CPRE Hampshire's Hedge-centric Winter Talk Series



COMING
UP



2023 - 2024

NOV
30

WHAT HAVE HEDGEROWS EVER DONE FOR US?

Megan Glimber - Peoples Trust for Endangered Species

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JAN
30

HEDGEROW MANAGEMENT FOR HEALTHY HEDGES

Nigel Adams - Renowned Professional Hedge layer

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FEB
20

WHY DID THE HEDGEHOG CROSS THE ROAD?

Hugh Warwick - Hedgehog Preservation Society

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Hampshire Hedge Project

5,098m

of new hedgerow
created by planting
25,490
small
trees



5,481m

of hedgerow
restored through
hedge-laying



1,552

volunteers
took part over
72 volunteer
action days



12

Hedge-laying
training events
for over 150
people (1-day &
2-day courses)



588

children and young
people involved,
including
interns, scouts
and schools



3

hedge-laying
traineeships with
professional
hedgelaying
businesses



21km

of hedgerow
surveyed and 18
people trained in
surveying



19

schools and
colleges engaged
with the
project



Looking ahead..

The Hampshire Hedge will be 'braided' – many strands (anastomosing)



Looking for local **landowners & land managers** who are interested in:

- planting new hedges
- laying existing hedges
- improving management (eg trimming on rotation)

Looking ahead..

- Hedgerow surveying over summer months & ID training
- More school engagement
- Host more talks & workshops
- Stalls at agricultural shows e.g New Forest Show
- Prepare for '24/'25 planting season!





Community Hedge Fund

APPLY
TODAY



We are offering grants of up to £1500 to local groups interested in sharing our goal.

**Hedge laying
Hedge Planting**

**School Action Day
Scouts session**



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School Visits



Join us for a day!

Sign up to our volunteer mailing list



- Individuals
- Local groups
- Local businesses
- Schools
- Scouts
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Sign up to our newsletter

Keep up to date with our upcoming events

- Hedge laying training
- Hedge planting
- Hedgerow surveying
- Online talks
- Hedgerow Foraging walks
- Hedgerow art workshops
- Community events



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Ways to Get Involved

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Donate to our hedge

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