



Suffolk Tree Warden AGM

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News from Team Tree Council

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The national charity working together to...



**Fund, plant and care for
trees and hedgerows**

**WITH TREE WARDENS &
THE COMMUNITY**

COMMUNITY ACTION

**Inspire the next
generation of young
environmentalists**

**WITH EDUCATION
PARTNERS & YOUNG
TREE CHAMPIONS**

YOUNG LEARNING

**Use science to influence
policy and support best
practice on trees and the
environment**

**WITH GOVERNMENT &
ACADEMICS**

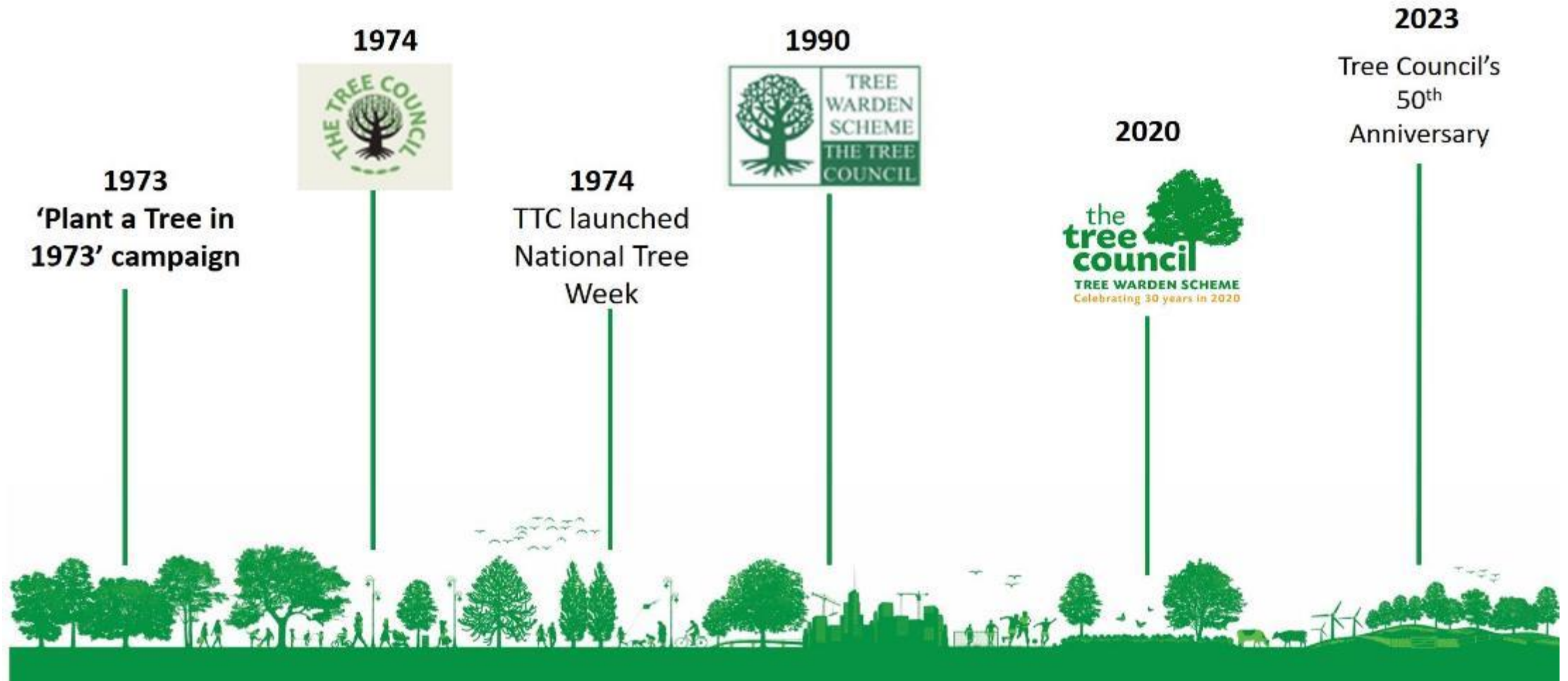
**PRACTICAL SCIENCE &
RESEARCH**

**Influence tree-related
policy**

**WITH CHARITY PARTNERS
& TREE COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

PARTNERSHIP POWER

Going strong, 50 years on!



England Trees Action Plan



TOGETHER
FOR OUR
PLANET

The England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024

May 2021

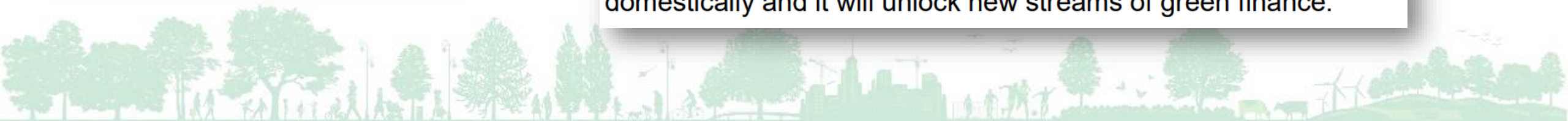


Over-arching aim of expanded, better-connected, resilient treescapes

1.12. Publish guidance for local authorities to develop their own local tree and woodland strategies;

The enriched treescape we need across England will often be created with the help of local authorities. Local tree and woodland strategies offer an opportunity for local communities to decide where new trees will be planted and how existing trees will be protected. Local tree and woodland strategies will also dovetail with Local Nature Recovery Strategies to help target woodland creation opportunities.

Planting and establishing more trees and woodlands will play an important role in supporting the green economy, levelling up rural areas and creating thousands of new jobs. It will encourage a growing demand for sustainably sourced timber to be provided domestically and it will unlock new streams of green finance.





National and Local Aspiration

- **Nature Recovery**
- **Climate change mitigation**
- **Levelling up through a thriving forest economy**
- **Water and soil**
- **People in town and country**
- **Heritage and Landscape**
- **More trees outside woodlands**
- **Healthy, resilient landscapes**

Environmental Improvement Plan 2023



- Update to the 25 Year Environment Plan.
- Sets out how government will work with landowners, communities and businesses to deliver goals.
- Includes canopy cover target for trees in and out of woodlands.
- Includes a new hedgerow restoration and creation target.
- The EIP is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan>
- Synopsis of key points available here: <https://treetalk.substack.com/p/new-environmental-improvement-plan-trees>.



TAWS link national targets & funding with local delivery

Long term target:

- Increase tree canopy and woodland cover to 16.5% of total land area by 2050.

Interim target:

- Increase tree canopy and woodland cover by 0.26% of land area (equivalent to 34,000 hectares) by 31 January 2028.

- Invested over £250 million across the Urban Trees Challenge Fund, Local Authority Treescapes Fund and via England's Community Forests and our Woodland Creation partners to support tree planting and regeneration in urban and peri-urban areas, particularly in areas with high levels of social and tree canopy deprivation. In 2022, 82% of the woodlands planted by England's Community Forests have full or partial public access.

We have published a **Local Authority Tree and Woodland Strategy Toolkit** to support local authorities to develop their own local tree and woodland planting strategies.

- Published the **Local Authority Tree and Woodland Strategy Toolkit**, providing guidance for local authorities to develop effective tree and woodland strategies to harness the long-term benefits that trees can bring to local communities, including for public access.



Environmental Improvement Plan - hedgerows

Hedgerow protection →

Hedgerows are important ecological building blocks across our landscapes. We will ensure that hedgerows continue to be protected when existing cross compliance protections are lost in 2024. Our new farming schemes will continue to invest in incentives for maintenance and planting of hedgerows across the country.

- Support farmers to create or restore 30,000 miles of hedgerows a year by 2037 and 45,000 miles of hedgerows a year by 2050, returning hedgerow lengths in England to 10% above the 1984 peak (360,000 miles).

← Hedgerow creation and restoration target

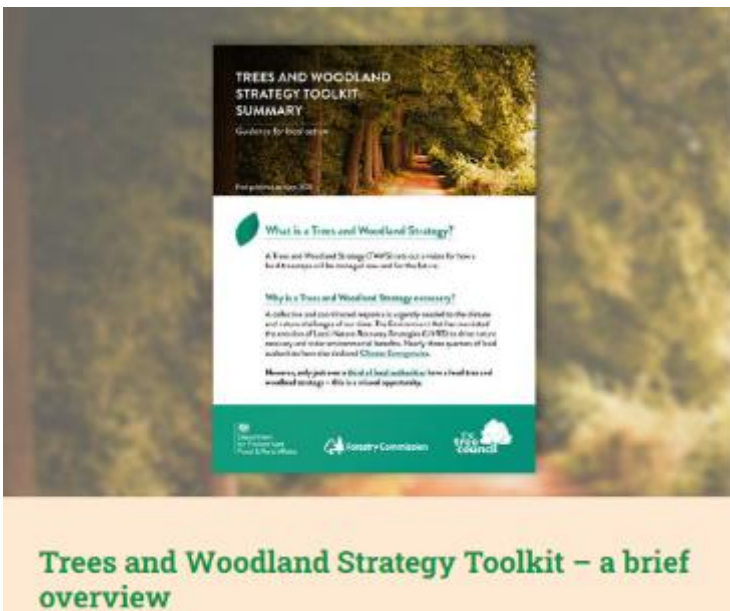
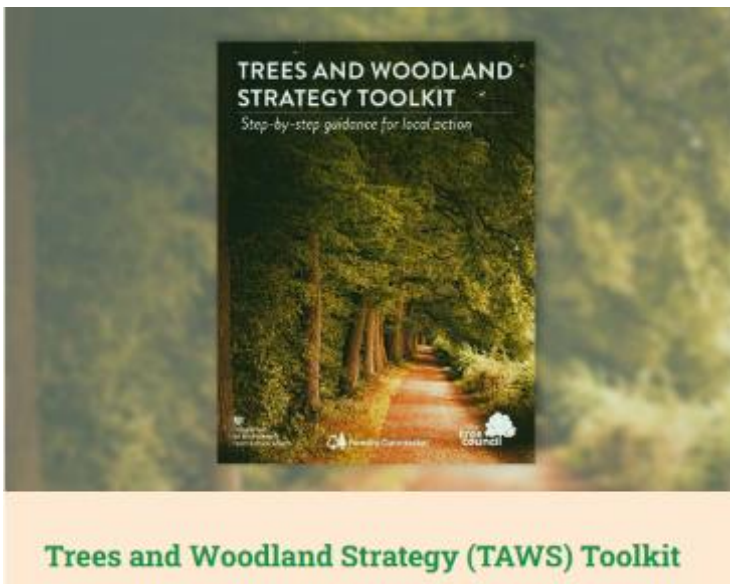




Treescapes Fund

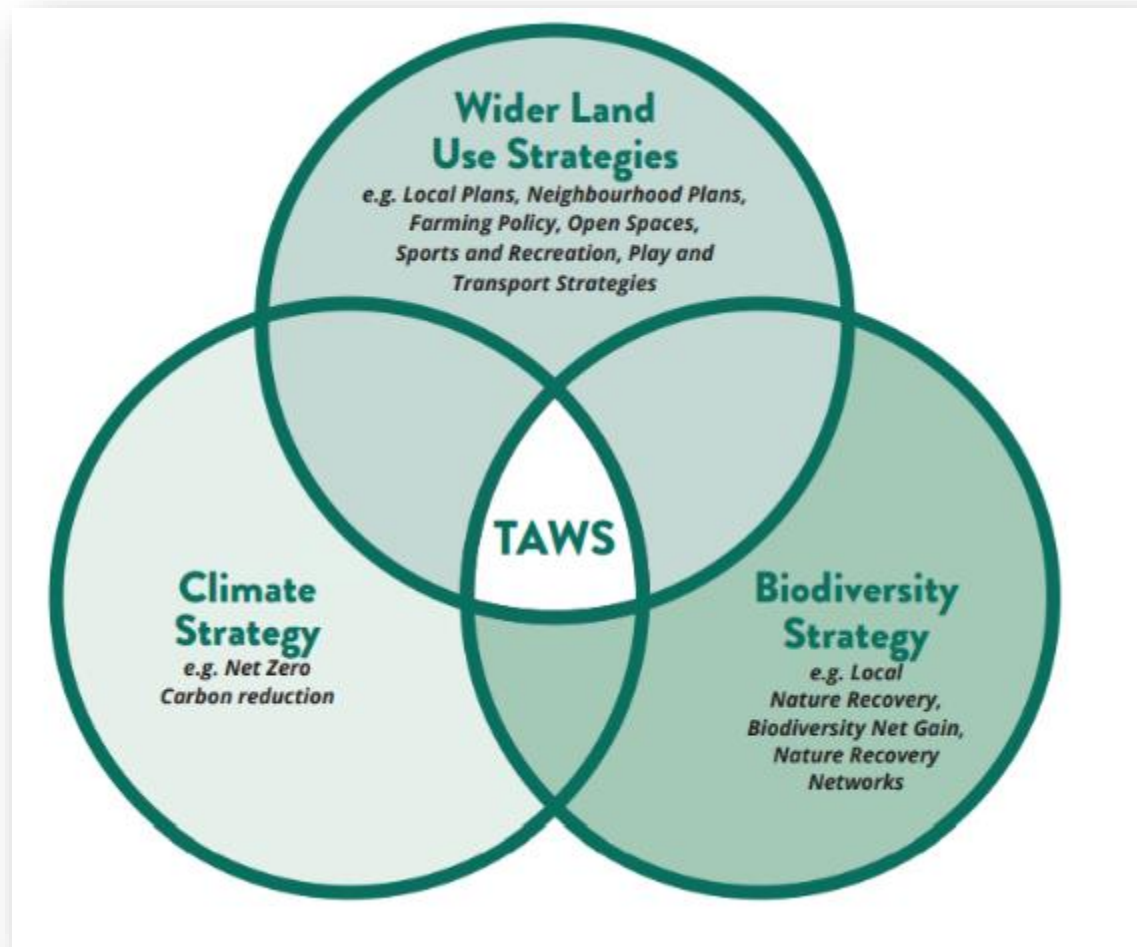
- The LATF first opened in 2021 to fund an increase in non-woodland tree planting across our landscapes
- Round one supported the planting and maintenance of 260,000 trees outside of woodlands, with 139 local authorities awarded a share of a £4.4 million pot across 42 projects
- Round 3 is now open. Results from round 2 will be available later this year.

Local Tree Strategies



- **Uk Government plans to:**
- Require government departments and partner organisations with the greatest potential to improve biodiversity, to increase tree planting and woodland cover where appropriate
- Widen the eligibility of our tree planting and tree health grant schemes so more public bodies are able to access them
- Publish guidance for local authorities to develop their own local tree and woodland strategies

TAWS sit at the heart of national and local policy objectives





Team Tree Council led projects and initiatives

Science and Research

HEDGEROW TRIALS

- Build evidence and inform good practice
- Monitoring basic indicators:
 - Survival rates of trees
 - Height of hedge
 - Basic observations on tree health
- Fixed point photographic evidence of changes over time





Hadley Wood Hedge Trials

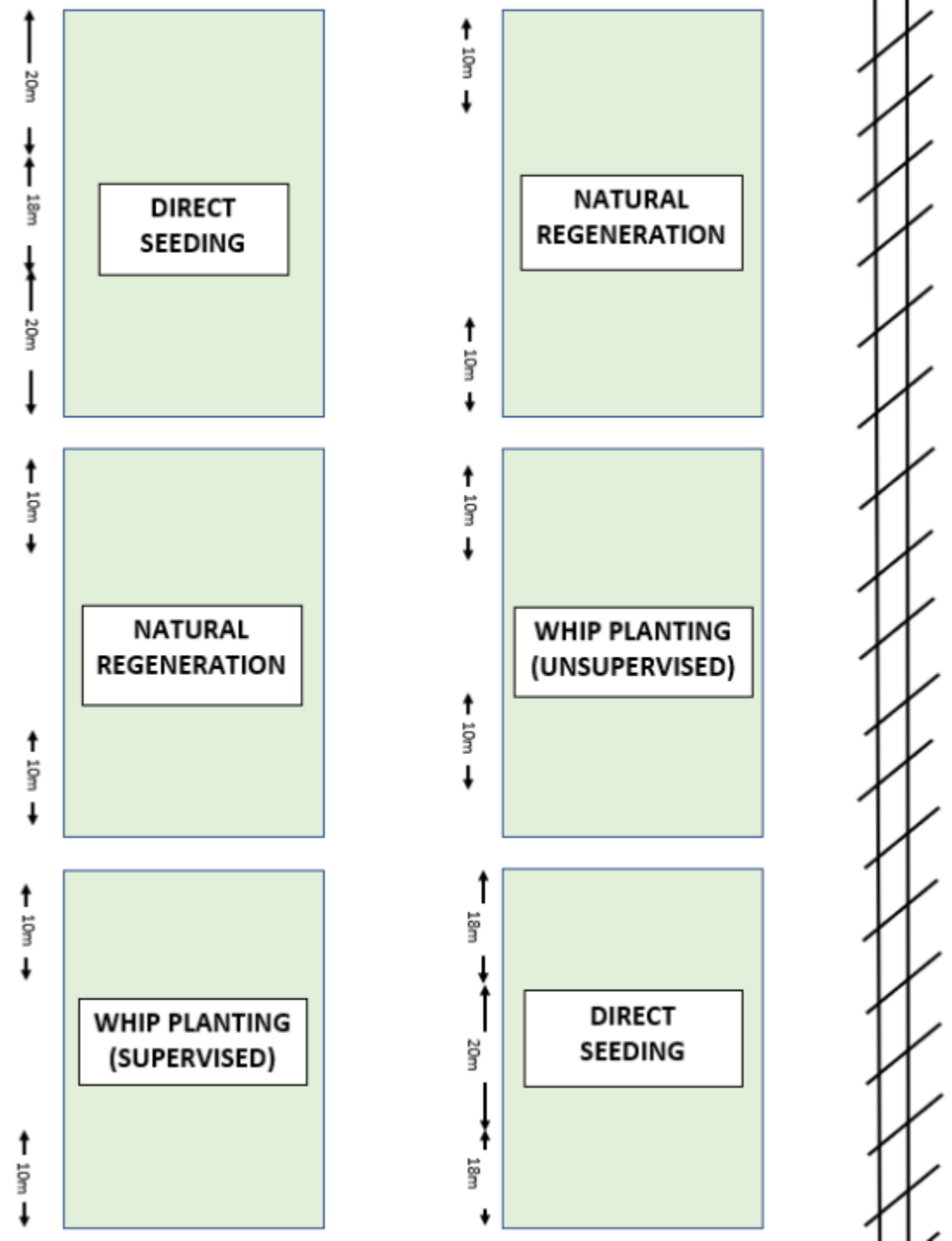
Monitoring Report – Summer 2021

Trial set-up

The trial plots comprise two main rows divided into three sections (shown right).

The species mix planted by seed and whip was:

- Field maple (*Acer campestre*)
- Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)
- Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
- Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)
- Dogrose (*Rosa canina*)
- Wayfaring tree (*Viburnum lantana*)



Visual changes



November 2018



November 2020



August 2021

Audience: Tree Council

Final draft 1.2 17/02/2021

Tree Guards and Shelters: Understanding the impacts of tree protection in the tree planting industry and community tree planting. Final draft (1.2)



Picture by Andrew Hill



Protecting young trees

How to make the best choice for your planting project



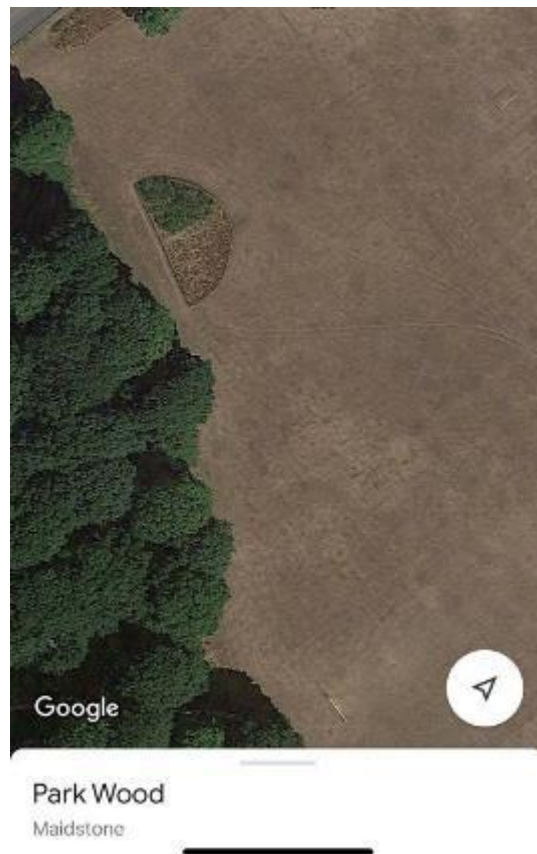
the tree council

Trees are wonderful and we know that planting them provides many...

Review and guidance on using tree guards

Trees Outside Woodland

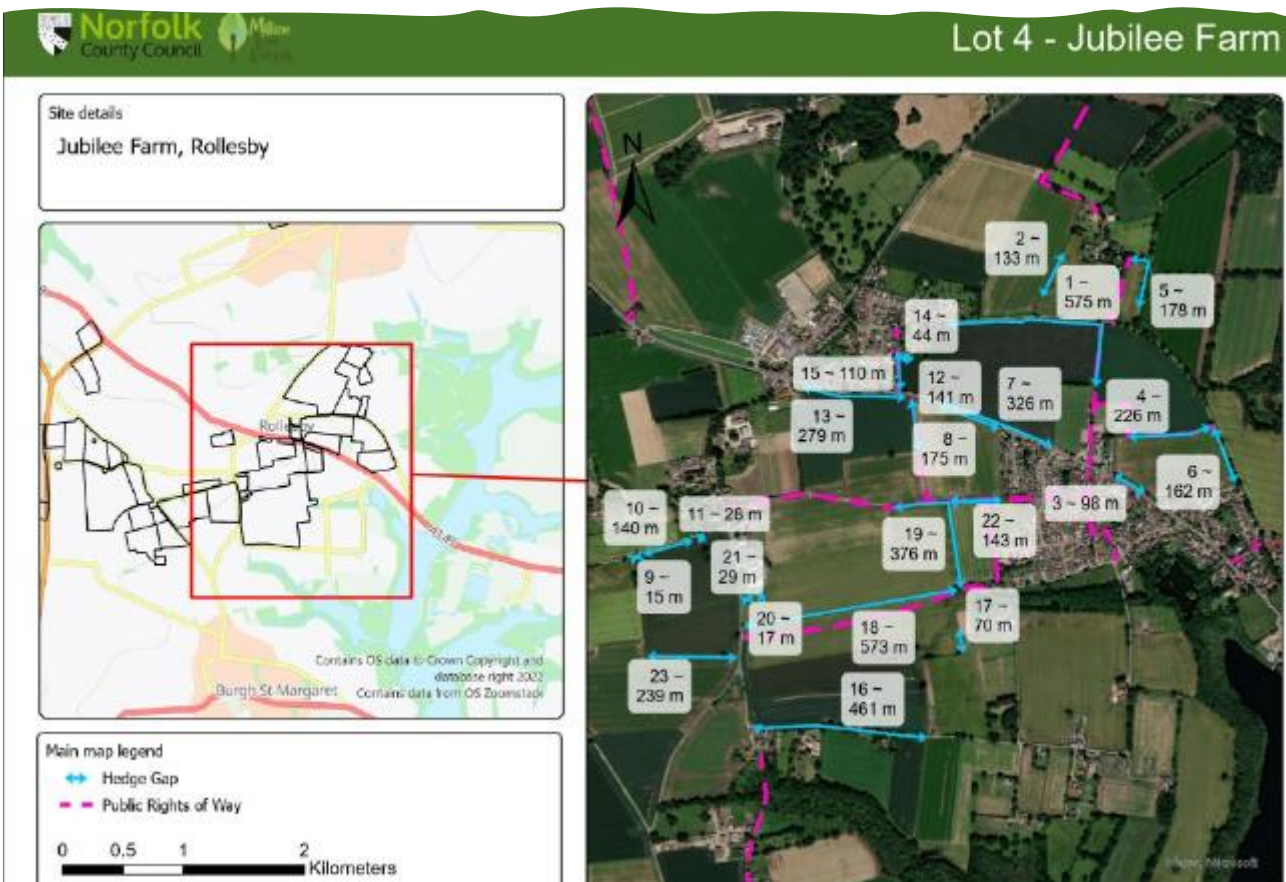
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Pilot study		Kent CC	Chichester DC	Cornwall CC	Norfolk CC	Shropshire Council	Natural England	Highways England
A	Urban tree establishment							
B	Subsidised new tree scheme							
C	Agroforestry/ Orchards							
D	Trees in the farmed landscape							
E	Boosting community tree nurseries							
Scoping study								
1	Alternative management of roadsides							
2	Natural regeneration potential							
3	Minimising perverse outcomes from net gain							



Shared Outcome Fund Trees Outside Woodland



Tree Council's National Tree Planting Team





‘Close the Gap’ 2021 - 2022

‘Life on the Hedge’ 2022 – 2025



Aims

- More better-connected hedgerows
- Better managed hedgerows
- Increased awareness
- Rural and urban

Green Recovery Challenge Fund



- ✦ **56 Projects supported**
- ✦ **7, 865 metres (4.4miles) New hedgerows**
- ✦ **360 Hedgerow trees**
- ✦ **2,367 Volunteers took part**



New Farm Hedgerows

- 86 farmer & landowner projects supported
- 42,777 metres of new hedgerows
- 2,546 hedgerow trees



Farming &
Wildlife
Advisory
Group

Team Tree Council has grown!

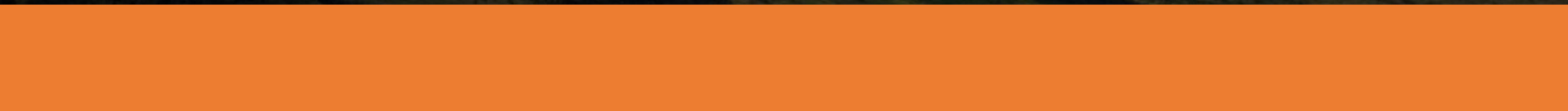


Tree Warden
Networks are
growing too



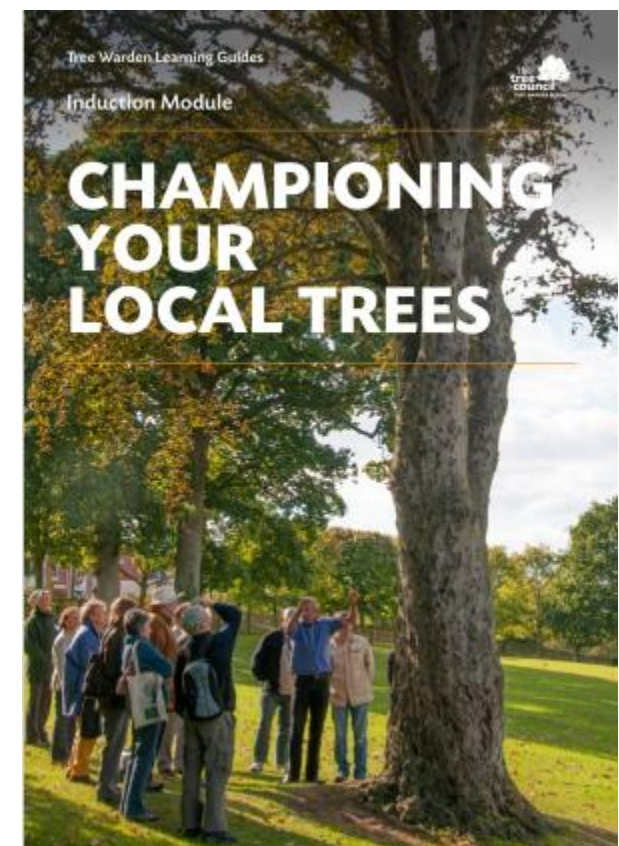
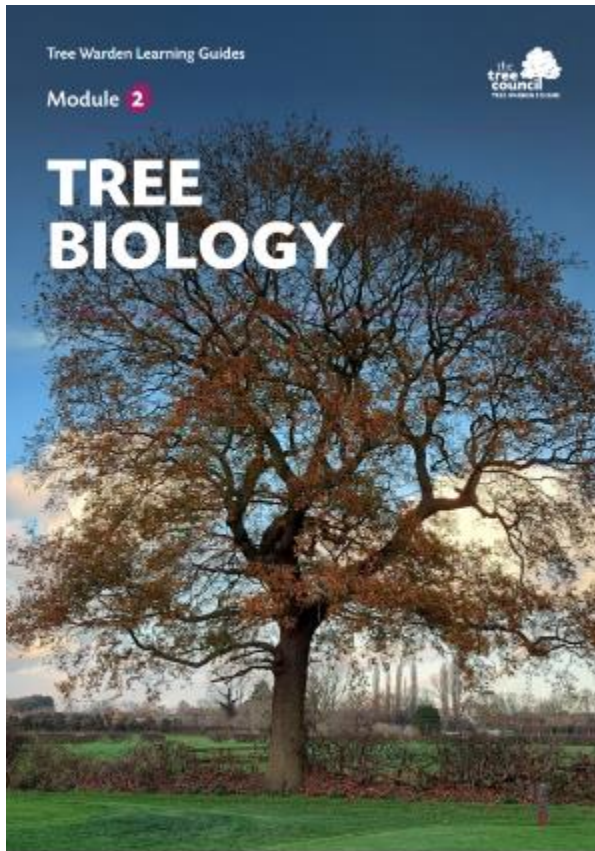


Tree and Hedgerow resources For Tree Warden use



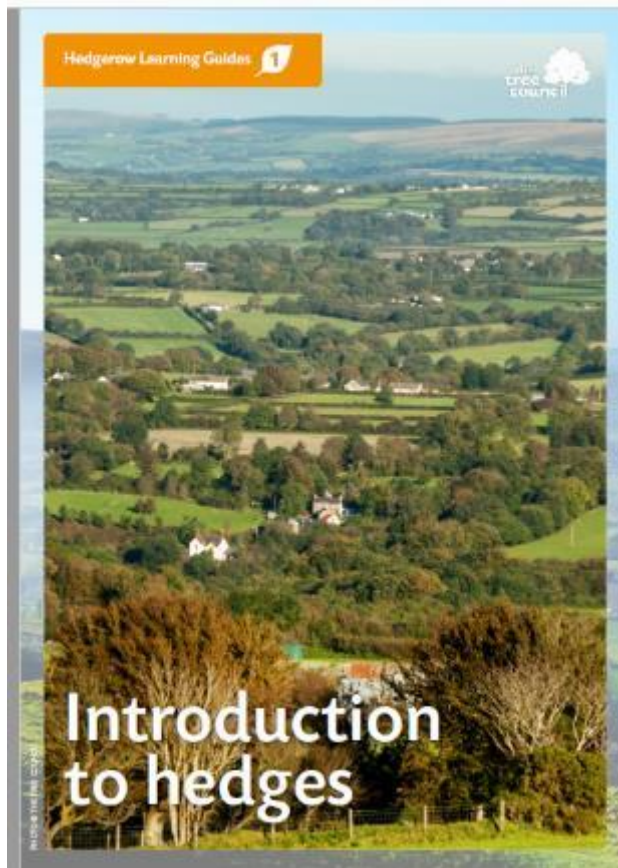
Tree Warden Core Training Modules

Available through your
Network Coordinator



New Hedgerow training materials

Coming soon!

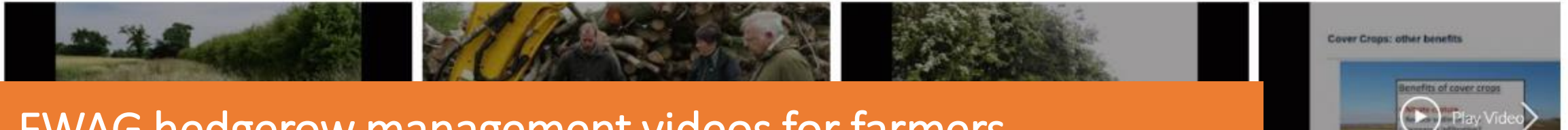




Postcards



Tree Warden banners, flags and stickers



FWAG hedgerow management videos for farmers

- <https://www.fwagsw.org.uk/blog/celebrating-hedges-for-national-hedgerow-week>

New Hedgeline Website

Guidance

Here you'll find information and guidance produced by Hedgeline.
For further hedge resources please head to the Hedge Hub.



ment Advice



Top ten tips for a healthy hedge

[Read more](#)



Hedgeline Documents

[Read more](#)



of hedgerows



Hedgerow components

[Read more](#)



Hedgerow biodiversity

[Read more](#)

Hedge Hub

The essential 'must go to place' for hedgerow knowledge and guidance

Hedge Hub

The 'go to' place for anybody seeking hedgerow knowledge and learning. Take a look at our short videos discussing the benefits of hedgerows in each area.



Healthy Hedgerows

Download *Healthy Hedgerows*, a free rapid assessment hedgerow survey app

DOWNLOAD FOR
ANDROID

DOWNLOAD FOR IOS



Healthy Hedgerows survey guidance

This page offers all the information you need to be able to undertake some *Healthy Hedgerows* surveys.

READ MORE



Hedge structures

These illustrations will help categorise the structure of your hedge, which gives a good indication as to where a hedgerow fits in the hedgerow management cycle

READ MORE

Healthy Hedgerows

Healthy Hedgerows survey on paper

If you aren't able to survey using the *Healthy Hedgerows* app, click here for paper versions of the survey form and guidance

CLICK HERE

This project is funded by the government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund. The fund is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency.

Green Recovery Challenge Fund

<https://hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org/healthy-hedgerows-survey>

EPISODE 3:

SECRETS OF THE CITY



EPISODE 2:

GROWING A GREENER FUTURE



EPISODE 4:

HOW TO BUILD A LANDSCAPE



- Podcasts
- 6 new podcasts on green careers
- Over 5,000 listens and counting



Tree Seed Gathering Training Videos

THE TREE GROWER'S GUIDE

A beginner's guide to identifying and growing trees from seed, and starting a Community Tree Nursery

Includes the updated Good Seed Guide with extra content online

The Tree Growers Guide

Hard copy book and online digital version with more content and accompanying guidance videos.

www.treegrowersguide.org.uk



This deciduous tree is found in woods and hedges across Britain. It can reach a height of 15m and grows on a range of soils, including chalk, limestone, mildly acid and clay. Male catkins appear in January or February. Hazel is usually coppiced to produce thin, flexible poles that are used for fencing, hurdles, pea and bean sticks, and thatching spars. Coppiced hazel woodlands are rich in wildlife, as the regular cutting allows light

Easily confused with: Elm, lime, mulberry, Turkish hazel

Seed Guide

Collect the first nuts in autumn as they ripen from green to brown, but be careful the squirrels don't beat you to it. Sow immediately in a pot or seedbed. Protect from predators and severe frost. You can also place the hazelnuts in buckets



The dominant native species on chalk and limestone, beech prefers well-drained soils, but can be found in heavy clays. It has been widely planted in parks and gardens as well as in hedging. Beech is well known for its excellent autumn colour, but the early 'spring green' of the leaves is also highly attractive.

The wood is strong and tough and was used for tool handles and flooring. The beechmast (nuts)

they have a restricted but specialised flora, including bird's-nest orchid, the rare ghost orchid and various helleborines.

Some 94 species of invertebrates have been found in beech trees, including the lobster moth and barred hooked-tip moth.

Easily confused with: Hornbeam

Seed Guide

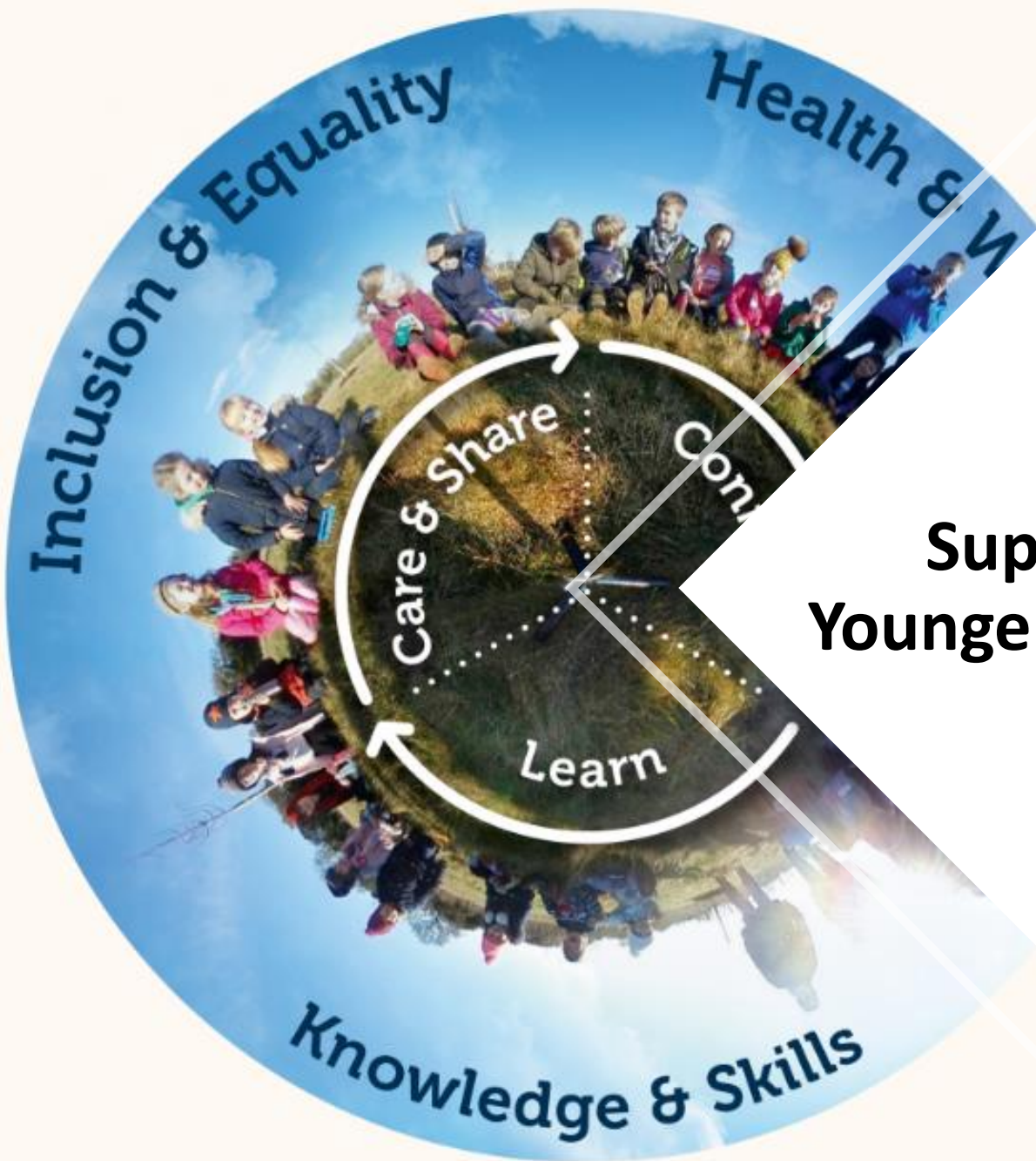
National Hedgerow Week





Tree Wardens can
make a difference





Support The Younger Generation



Do something!

How ever small....

- Grow your own trees
- Tree nurseries
- Agroforestry
- Hedgerow expansion
- Drought experiments
- TLC and aftercare



Tree Wardens leading the way

Birmingham

Street tree planting
and aftercare

East Hampshire

Tree Trail

Kent

Faversham Tree
Festival

Ipswich

Community
Orchard pruning

Lancaster

Tree planting in
urban communities

Leicestershire

Tree and hedgerow
mapping

Portsmouth

Charles Dickens
Community
orchards

Plymouth

Urban Tree Festival

Suffolk

Community tree
nurseries

Celebrate your success

- The Remarkable
World of Trees
Exhibition
- From St Albans to
Surrey the
exhibition is
travelling





We can help!

- Branching Out Community Grants
- Young Tree Champion School support
- Larger projects through a Network Rail Community Fund
- Sign up to our Branching Out e-newsletter and Facebook Tree Warden Forum

www.treecouncil.org.uk



National Tree Week

26 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER

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Seed Gathering Season

1 SEPTEMBER - 23 OCTOBER

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National Hedgerow Week

Monday 10 October - Monday 17 October

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Walk Where You May

1 MAY - 31 MAY

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Tree Care Campaign

31 MARCH - 21 SEPTEMBER

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Thank you for listening

ANY QUESTIONS!

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