

We are delighted to announce our latest project: Hedgerow Heroes

Our mission to help restore the hedgerow network in Warwickshire

Hedgerow Heroes is a wider CPRE project launched in 2021 to support the national campaign to increase the hedgerow network by 40% by 2050. To date, Hedgerow Heroes has seen 75.6km (47 miles) of hedgerow in England rejuvenated and created. This project also aims to inspire individuals and give a greater understanding of the importance of hedges to our environment and wildlife. We are thrilled to be a part of the project this season and are excited to partner with local communities, schools, landowners, and farmers, to raise awareness about the importance of hedgerows, manage existing ones, and plant nearly 1 km of hedgerow and help maintain and restore 100 metres by "cut and laying" an existing hedge by April 2025.

The importance of hedgerows:

Did you know, since 1945 England has lost over half of its hedgerows which are vital for nature, bursting with life and they support one in ten of the UK's vulnerable species, including the hazel dormouse and the beloved hedgehog, whose decline is closely linked to hedgerow loss. The lines of hedges crisscrossing our countryside act as wildlife corridors, linking habitats together and providing safe movement for many scurrying, flying and scuttling animals such as endangered dormice and rare brown hairstreak butterflies. You can find out more about the history of hedges [here](#).

Funding for Hedgerow Heroes:

We've secured some initial funding for our Hedgerow Heroes campaign, but we want to increase our impact and try to expand our work.

If you are interested in donating, or know a business that might want to support our cause, then please contact the office.

Become a Hedgerow Hero:

We are currently working on finalising sites for the planting season later this year. We are looking for volunteers for planting and 'cut and laying' hedgerows between November and March. If this is of interest to you, we'd love to hear from you; please email office@cprewarwickshire.org.uk

During the winter season we will be running a series of hedge laying courses. More information will follow in due course but if you would like to be involved in this project, please email office@cprewarwickshire.org.uk