

MIDDLE MARCHES

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*Cover photo: View to Corndon Hill on a Spring evening;
This page: misty stand of Meadow Foxtail (c) Sarah Jameson*

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View from the Chair

A long wet winter is now behind us, although we should probably be grateful for the rain we have had in allowing the aquifers to recharge. Spring is definitely here, the Bluebells are in flower, the view across the valley is getting greener by the day and the first swallows and martins have returned a week earlier than last year.

MMCLT was not dormant over the winter months and I am delighted to be able to say that, with all your support, we hit our target to raise £45,000 for the purchase of the meadows at White Grit and we hope that the solicitors will finalise the acquisition soon. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has contributed in many different ways to make this possible. It is a fantastic achievement and will be our first reserve in Wales!

As you may know we are just starting the second year of our National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for Minsterley Meadows and overall we are happy with our progress. We are very fortunate in having Sarah Wallace-Johnston as our Project Co-ordinator and she has been developing a Conservation Volunteers Group which meets on the last Friday of the month, carrying out practical tasks. If you want to get exercise with friendly people in a lovely setting, then please get in touch with Sarah on sarah.minsterleymeadows@gmail.com. A Kids' Wildlife Club has recently started led by Toni Pettit and Minsterley Primary School have had their first visit to the fields.

The wet weather delayed the progress of capital works in Minsterley Meadows such as gates and fences. We hope the new gates will be erected very soon but the fencing works will have to wait until after the hay cut, when hopefully it will be drier.

We have some exciting new news which is that we have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for three years with

the owner of a large woodland, Oaks Wood, immediately to the east of Earls Hill. In the recent past the wood has been managed primarily for commercial forestry however our aim is to encourage sustainable forestry, more in keeping with the fact that it is a plantation on an ancient woodland site (known as a PAWs site) and part is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. We have already started a survey of the vegetation of the many forestry compartments present and we also know that there are many interesting records of species from the woods.

The MOU allows us to appoint a new Forest Manager for the site who will work to our direction. We are very grateful to the owner for providing us with this exciting opportunity and it is great to have a woodland in our portfolio. We will provide more information as we make progress on this ambitious project.

We are very pleased to welcome two new Board members to MMCLT: Sue Steer is a very experienced Chartered Surveyor who with her husband Martin also runs a small farm holding in the Corvedale Valley, and Sarah Holden, who has spent many years working on agricultural development projects overseas, latterly working as a senior government official in a variety of roles in New Zealand. Sarah has kindly volunteered to become our Treasurer. Further details are [on our website](#).

In June we will be one of the organisers for the Third National Meadows Conference, this time to be held at Kew Wakehurst in Sussex in partnership with Marches Meadow Group and the High Weald National Landscape Team. Booking details are now [available here](#).

Richard Keymer, Chair
Middle Marches Community Land Trust

News from Minsterley Meadows

Whilst you might think the meadows would be slumbering through the Winter, there has been a flurry of activity over the colder months.

Although snow blanketed the meadows for a few weeks - many snow sculptures decorated with twigs and grass from the hedgerows appeared - this didn't stop the hardworking meadow conservation volunteers (The Green-Wing Guardians). They have been busy maintaining the meadows before Spring arrives. Several sessions have seen the team scything Blackthorn suckers that encroach on the meadow from the surrounding hedgerows. The ditch has been cleared of old litter, including many lost footballs!

Part of the industrial past of the area has also been uncovered in the hedgerow: the concrete bases for one of the aerial ropeways that used to carry ore, from the The Bog mine, to the railway sidings at Malehurst. Working with the Shropshire Mines Trust, we will hopefully be designing an interpretation board for this feature in the future.

Shropshire County Council footpaths team have been working hard in the meadows to install a new bridge over a much-used ditch where walkers enter the meadow. This will protect the ditch from erosion and make access easier. We are waiting for Trolls to take up residence! The Council team have also been installing a new tractor gate at the main entrance and new pedestrian gates. The new pedestrian gates will improve access for visitors and facilitate connectivity between other sites such as Poles Coppice.

Sarah Jameson has designed a lovely new interpretation board that will be installed near the

main entrance to the meadows; it details the rhythm of a traditional hay meadow and has illustrations of the rich botanical treasures of the site. Close to this there will also be a noticeboard where events and other activities can be advertised. Installation of both of these items, this Spring, will be carried out by the meadow volunteers with help from The Friends of Pontesford and Earls Hill volunteers.

Winter has also seen teachers' packs and equipment for Minsterley Primary School pupils, plus the start of a Minsterley Meadows monthly kids' club being designed and initiated by a local forest school provider (Branching Out). The first of these activities will be in March and April. The 1st Rea Valley beavers will be visiting the meadows in Spring for wildlife related fun centered around nesting and nest building.

Soon the Green-Winged Orchids will be painting the meadows when they burst into flower and many visitors will come to admire them. Keep an eye out on the Middle Marches Community Land Trust website for events centered around the orchid flowering plus other events such as bat and moth evenings.

A count of the orchids and their distribution in the meadows will also be mapped with help from the Friends of Minsterley Meadows and staff from Natural England. This will be carried out annually to help with understanding and management of the orchids.

Hope to see some of you in the meadows over the coming season.

Sarah Wallace-Johnson



Minsterley Meadows: gallery



Toni Pettitt, Branching Out Forest School & Social Forestry facilitating the first Wildlife Club in the meadows on a chilly day in March



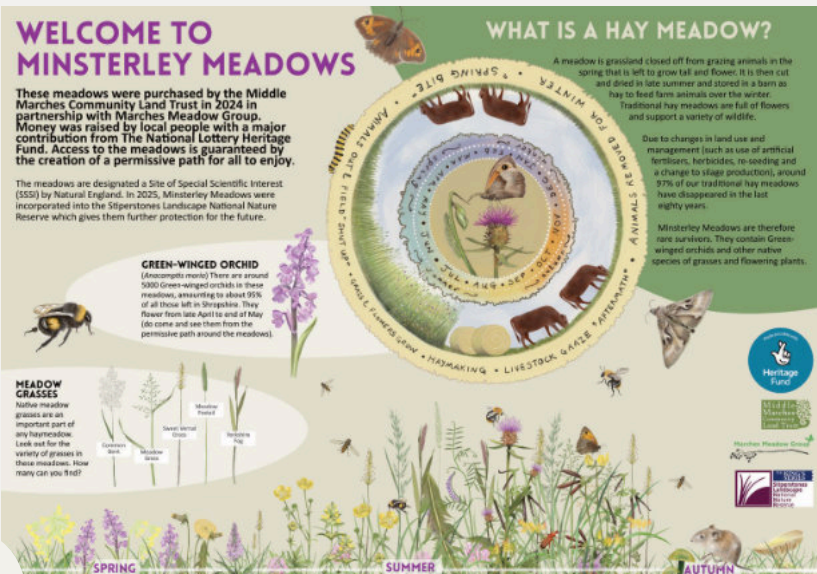
Easter's Wildlife Club centred around nests and nest building



Minsterley Meadows Conservation volunteers "The Green-Winged Guardians" hard at work beating back Blackthorn suckers along the meadow margins



Shropshire County Council's footpath team installing the new footpath over the ditch



5 New interpretation board for the meadows

Thanks to The National
Lottery Players for
making the Minsterley
Meadows Project a reality



An update from Cudwell Meadow

The meadow has remained flooded for much of the spring, but has at last finally dried up. We are all completely baffled by a complete lack of amphibians using the meadow this spring, when last year we moved bucket after bucket to safety as the field dried out. Certainly elsewhere in the Strettons, breeding toads and frogs abound. We seem to follow a biennial pattern here – one year with loads of breeding evident; the next with none. If anyone can shed light on this we'd be grateful for an explanation.

Our first two work parties were focused on clearing up debris and fallen trees after the winter storms. In April we were back to more normal routines with scything reeds and removing docks. Docks remain a big problem here despite all our efforts but we're pleased to say that we now seem to be winning in some areas.

This spring we have decided to improve the area along the road by planting out lots of wildflower plugs. Circles were strimmed to cut back the long grass, and then plugs and some seeds planted out. We know it's not the best time of year to do this, but it coincides with placing an order to improve wildflower areas in the local primary school. The plugs are doing well three weeks later, and indeed some of the cowslips are already flowering. The wildflowers and seeds come from Rob Lee Wildflower Nurseries and we really recommend them for the quality of their plants (and seeds). We've only used species either already present or those growing in the local area.

The tree plots planted out five years ago when the meadow was first purchased are thriving. Despite being planted in poor quality or rocky soil, they are now very well established and provide some welcome variety, as well as extending the habitats for wildlife.

No particularly exciting wildlife sightings to report – since given the lack of breeding amphibians, the otters have stayed away. There is evidence of a considerable bank vole population with burrows visible all along the fence line. Fox and badger use the meadow regularly. It's good to see all the birds nesting again, with moorhen and pheasants exploring territory. A female mallard proudly showed off her large brood of 11 or 12 ducklings last week. The first bee walk of the season counted several Buff-tailed and Early queen bees seeking out nest sites. The Marsh Marigold around the scrape and along the stream have been quite beautiful this year.

Severn Trent have been looking into the drainage issues in the meadow and we await developments. They plan to put a camera along the storm drains to detect blockages; something we first asked for five years ago! This may help to resolve the long-term flooding which is impacting on the flora and fauna.

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News from High Leasowes

The winter of 2025/2026 brought much-needed rain, but sadly this came too late for many of the 250 trees that we had planted the previous winter at High Leasowes. Over half of these had succumbed to last summer's drought but, not to be defeated, volunteers for The High Leasowes Trust not only planted replacement trees but also generously provided the funds to buy them.

Volunteers from iDEA were with us again this winter, tackling another section of hedgerow that needed restoration work to ensure its long-term health. The volunteers cleared away bracken and dead wood before replanting the gap with a mixture of native hedgerow plants. The resultant brash was used to create a nice section of dead-hedge alongside the new saplings. The High Leasowes Trust is very keen on dead-hedges as these provide corridors for wildlife, along with shelter, feeding and roosting opportunities for a myriad of creatures.

Essential tree surgery on diseased ash trees left us with a mountain of brash and timber to deal with. We are trying to keep most of the cut wood on site so work parties from the local community, Agilent and Shropshire Wild Teams enthusiastically used it to create two lovely dead-hedges and some habitat heaps.

The High Leasowes Trust is extremely grateful to our volunteers, who make an invaluable contribution to the work of managing High Leasowes. We couldn't do it without them and are very appreciative of the community support that we have. Our work parties are usually just for two hours and we always take a 'cake break' so please do come along and join us, we will be glad to see you.

Over the winter months Shropshire Wildlife Trust also arranged for remedial work to be carried out on the new pond that had been dug during the previous winter. Disappointingly this hadn't been holding much water, so the contractor returned to try to improve this. We are hoping that this is successful and that the pond will now hold more water; this should become clear as the months go by. The frogs have already located the pond, which is good news!

Thankfully the winter is now behind us and it is a joy to hear the birds singing and to watch High Leasowes bursting into life. Our ancient hedgerows have plenty of blackthorn blossom, a valuable early food source for many insects; the meadows are greening up as dormant plants emerge, and the birds have started moving into the bird boxes that we erected a couple of years ago.



(Photo supplied by author)

News from High Leasowes (continued)

This spring and summer we will continue our meadow management work; we are also planning to offer some bat surveying activities to look and listen for the five species of bats that make High Leasowes their home. If you would like to be kept informed of this and other activities please email info.highleasowes@gmail.com

You will find lots more information about High Leasowes on our website (see below). We hope you will take a look!

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[More on Norbury Hill here](#)

Norbury Hill Update

Rabbits are back on the hill in increasing numbers!

Having left a few newly planted hollies unguarded overnight, I paid the price and three were nibbled at the base. All are now guarded.

Rabbits do however sometimes have a positive side and some diggings in the boundary bank along the bridleway had thrown up a bowl of a clay pipe. I think it is fairly early around 1700, but happy to be put right on that. So was somebody erecting that stone bank and possibly planting a thorn hedge there 300 years ago?

There are so many layers of history traced out on the hillside, often coming into view when the sun is low or there is some blown snow when old tracks and field boundaries can be clearly outlined

This last year has seen quite a lot of work done on Norbury with the help of two grants.

In particular the Defra 30x30 grant has been really useful and has grant funded us 100% for several things:

- Construction of a small pool and water trough which hopefully will stay full and provide drinking water for the grazing cattle in late summer. Also two scrapes were made to encourage wading birds. They are protected from stock when necessary with associated fencing and planted with 1000 wetland plant plugs
- A new 200 metre fence was erected along the boundary on one side which will help control grazing and about 8 hectares of bracken were again cut with tractor and Robocut.

This will be the fifth time that some areas have been cut and the most noticeable difference is the amount of grass visible in autumn, winter and early spring. This is mainly Creeping soft grass but in some places the more acid-loving grassland is returning with Wavy hair grass, Bents and Fescues along with Heath Bedstraw and Tormentil.

A real bonus is that the Severn Trent Water Authority Boost for Biodiversity project has offered to pay for the bracken cutting for the next four years.

We planted and guarded 150 trees on one of the steep bracken banks, mainly Rowan, Birch and Holly

Alongside this, Norbury Hill is also a partial beneficiary of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Conservation grant. This has helped again towards our project for the Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary butterfly and has included cutting of rushes plus purchase and planting of more Marsh Violet plants as part of a wider project.

Although good for butterflies in general 2025 was a disappointing year across the area for Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary butterfly. Although the weather was good, numbers were low after dreadfully cold and wet weather in 2024. Fingers crossed for this year.

Rob Rowe

MMCLT events 2026

This year we are concentrating on organising events in partnership with other colleagues – see MMCLT website events tab at <https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk> - more to follow over summer.

Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust - a series of talks to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Trust

Book your place via shropshirehills-nl@gov.uk or book online [here](#).

Marches Meadow Group: talk
The Pontesbury Pavilion, SY5 0RF
Wednesday 6 May, 6 – 8pm
An illustrated talk by Richard Small.
[Click here for poster.](#)

Pine Marten Magic: talk
Mayfair Centre, Church Stretton,
SY6 6BL
Wednesday 1st July, 6.30 - 8.30pm
An illustrated talk by Sue Crichton.
[Click here for poster.](#)

**The Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary
Butterfly: talk**
Norbury Village Hall, SY9 5DX
Wednesday 2 September, 6.30 – 8.30pm
An illustrated talk by Rob Rowe & Charlie
Bell. [Click here for poster.](#)

Kew Wakehurst – Third National Meadows conference in partnership with MMCLT, Marches Meadow Group and High Weald National Landscape team.

Kew Wakehurst: Translating Science into Practice
Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June

Kew Wakehurst in partnership with Middle Marches CLT, Marches Meadow Group and the High Weald Landscape Team – invites land managers, ecologists, farmers, gardeners, researchers and anyone passionate about wildflower meadows to a two day conference exploring how cutting-edge meadow science can be applied in the real world. [Booking is essential via this link.](#)

Sowing Seeds: Engaging with young people for a lifelong love of nature

Discovery Centre, Craven Arms, Friday 7 August

A conference aimed at those working with children and young people. Limited places; booking essential. More info and conference programme [here](#). *Free event but donations of £20 will cover our costs and be much appreciated.*

[Book your place via the Discovery Centre website here.](#)

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From soils and fungi to seeds, pollination, grazing and nature-connectedness, this year's programme brings together an inspiring line-up of speakers and practitioners working at the forefront of meadow ecology.

Whether you manage a large estate, community greenspace or your own garden meadow, you will leave with practical knowledge you can immediately put into action.

The conference will take place in a 250-seat marquee set within Yew Tree Meadow beside the Millennium Seed Bank, one of the most important conservation sites in the world. Set in the heart of the High Weald National Landscape, this is a perfect setting to explore the future of species-rich grasslands.

2-day ticket: £45

Booking link:
<https://shop.kew.org/tickets/event/national-meadows-conference/booking>

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SOWING SEEDS

Engaging young people for a lifetime of engagement with nature

A conference aimed at those working with children and young people

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms
Friday 7 August 2026, 10am - 4pm

How do we think about succession planning for a new generation of nature lovers? What are the entry points into nature-based activities and the potential for future employment opportunities?

With this conference we will look at ongoing youth investment in nature, ways of combatting eco anxiety and the development of citizen science.

Programme overleaf.

Limited places; booking essential!
Book via:
infoshropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Free event but donations of £20 will cover our costs and be much appreciated.

MMCLT in the national papers

British Academy Paper

Middle Marches Community Land Trust work with Town and Parish Councils across the county is central to the recent British Academy paper published in November 2025.

Pioneering place-sensitive nature recovery at the hyper-local scale: a multi-tier, multi-directional governance approach:

www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/pioneering-place-sensitive-nature-recovery-at-the-hyper-local-scale-a-multi-tier-multi-directional-governance-approach/

Shropshire is pioneering a community-led model for nature recovery, where parish councils are beginning to play a central role in mobilising local action. Through partnerships with organisations like the Middle Marches Community Land Trust and the Shropshire Association of Local Councils, local governance networks are convening residents, landowners and volunteers to co-produce bespoke hyper-local nature recovery plans. These are influenced by and supportive of the regional Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) led by Shropshire Council. Hyper-local activities range from participatory habitat mapping to community land purchases and other volunteer-led nature recovery activities. At the heart of Shropshire's success is local leadership aided by delegated responsibility to those with a strong motivation to act, robust partnerships with community organisations, community control of land assets, networking amongst parish councils, ability to collect a sound precept, and a linking between hyper-local efforts and regional strategy. This decentralised, place-based approach fosters durable, locally meaningful outcomes, which actively encourage communities to get involved with protecting and enhancing their local ecosystems. It presents a replicable model of civic environmentalism with the potential to shape how Local Nature Recovery Strategies are implemented across the country.

Academy of Social Sciences

Constraints and opportunities for nature recovery in the devolution landscape: the role of parish-level governance

<https://acss.org.uk/constraints-and-opportunities-for-nature-recovery-in-the-devolution-landscape-the-role-of-parish-level-governance/>

Excerpts highlighting Shropshire and the potential of Community Land Trusts.

This piece, drawing on the University of Exeter's Nature Recovery and Regional Development project, spotlights the opportunities for nature recovery within the new governance landscape promised by English devolution, especially showcasing the crucial role that parish councils are already playing.

There are over 300 Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in England, and while the overwhelming majority are engaged primarily in housing delivery, a small number, including the MMCLT, have been established solely for nature recovery. Ultimately, CLTs can deliver both built infrastructure and nature recovery, and we are encouraged by their potential to integrate the two, generating multiple co-benefits for local communities. Although the Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill allows for community asset transfers via a Community Right to Buy, in which CLTs may be instrumental, the criteria remain limited to social and economic benefits. They entirely overlook both the intrinsic value of nature and the broader socioeconomic benefits it provides.

MMCLT'S work with the Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Town & Parish Council Nature Recovery work book Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

The Nature Recovery work book was developed with Parish Councillors in mind but anyone can use it.

The intention is to help ordinary people to do something for nature recovery in the belief that many small actions add up to a big outcome.

Click on the image below to download your copy. There are editable areas where you can add your own progress (make sure you save the pdf to keep your changes!).

Colleagues in Cumbria have now repeated this idea with their LNRS after MMCLT shared the idea.

See MMCLT webpage <https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/nature-recovery-town-parish-councils/>

The final Shropshire LNRS published in April 2026

Full version: https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/media/soufc4l3/lnrs_april2026.pdf

Quick loading – no photos: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/media/q0jdtou4/lnrs-quick-loading-version-without-photos-apr26.pdf>

Summary: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/media/nwvm5wva/summary-of-the-shropshire-and-telford-wrekin-local-nature-recovery-strategy-apr26.pdf>

All Documents: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/environment/shropshire-and-telford-wrekin-local-nature-recovery-strategy/the-strategy/>



Shropshire Nature Recovery work book: Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

What can Town & Parish Councils do - some simple steps (NOT EXCLUSIVE)

CANALS & STREAMS	ACTION: Town & Parish	ACTION TAKEN/DATE
Restoration and clean up streams	Make changes to reduce flooding	
Reduce flooding and slow flows	Clean up one local canal/ stream	
Enhance reaches for wildlife and people	Identify and clean up local streams	
Remove non-native species along water courses	Remove invasive plants in particular	
	Re-establish a local water working group	
	Slow the Flow	
	What are the Big Ten messages?	
	Restoration, enhancement and connecting LNRs to the local plan	

Ten Years of Community Conservation: The Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust at 10

This year marks a significant milestone for conservation across the Shropshire Hills. The Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2026: a decade of channelling community support into practical, ground-level conservation work right across the National Landscape.

Since 2016, the Trust has awarded grants to 136 projects, distributing over £196,000 to the community groups, parish councils and individuals who form the living backbone of conservation in these hills. The funding comes principally from the Trust's Friends - supporters who pay regular subscriptions - and the results are tangible in hedgerows, meadows, woodlands and school grounds across Shropshire. Alongside the Friends' subscriptions, the Trust is grateful for the generous support of The Millichope Foundation, whose substantial contribution helps make the grant programme possible.

The 2026 grant round reflects the breadth and ambition of what this model makes possible. Twelve projects have shared £16,088, and the range is striking. Clunbury Parish Council was awarded £1,564 towards restoring heathland on Black Hill, once fine whinberry country, subsequently overwhelmed by bracken and self-seeded Sitka Spruce. Sixteen volunteers are being trained in the safe and effective use of scythes to continue the painstaking work of winning the hill back.

Meadow supporters will be interested in the grant to the Marches Meadow Group (MMG), which has received £1,000 towards evaluating the impact of its survey and advisory work since 2016. MMG has been conducting free plant surveys of members' fields for a decade now, writing up results as advisory reports and suggesting actions to enhance diversity. The evaluation will assess the difference this has made to meadow quality across the Group's core area. This is useful evidence for the work we all care about.

Elsewhere, the Rea Valley Pine Marten Group is installing camera traps at Oaks Wood near Pontesbury to survey for pine martens (£1,500), and the Stretton Area Community Wildlife Group is partnering with St Lawrence's Primary School to connect Year 5 and 6 pupils with wildlife identification and wildflower gardening (£1,820). Six parishes — Bishop's Castle, Church Stretton, Edgton, Hope Bowdler, Lydbury North and Wistanstow, are collaborating to develop long linear meadow verges as connected wildlife habitat (£2,000). CPRE Shropshire has received a grant to support an upcoming Hedgerows in the Hills event at Acton Scott Heritage Farm, engaging children and young people with the countryside and its hedgerows.

Rachel Cockett, Chair of the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust, is honest about the challenge: applications consistently exceed available funds: "The need for conservation work has never been greater, but maintaining our grant-giving capacity becomes more difficult each year." The anniversary year is being used as an opportunity to strengthen the fund and build towards the next decade.

For those of us working on Marches meadows and wider nature recovery, the Trust's model of small grants, deep community partnerships, a long-term commitment to the landscape, is one worth celebrating. Ten years in, it's producing results.

For more information about the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust and its Conservation Fund, visit www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk/help-to-look-after/shropshire-hills-landscape-trust

To support the Trust's work in its anniversary year, donations can be made at: www.shropshirehills-nl.org.uk/help-to-look-after/shropshire-hills-landscape-trust/donate



CPRE Shropshire's Hedgerow Heroes project

CPRE Shropshire has now completed the fifth year of its Hedgerow Heroes project with a further 6km of new, native species hedgerow planted in the county between December and early March with the help of around 250 amazing volunteers. We planted on 13 working farms, 4 smallholdings and a number of small, community sites including churches. Over 550 individual volunteer sessions were completed.

As well as hedge creation, we held 3 hedgelaying workshops, 2 hedgerow management workshops, a field names walk and talk and 3 art workshops, all of which were well attended and received. As usual at this time of year, we await news of funding for next season, when we plan a stocktake and audit of existing hedge creation sites.

Save the date!!

To celebrate CPRE's centenary in 2026, look out for our **Hedgerows in the Hills** event at Acton Scott Heritage Farm on 24 and 25 October where we plan a weekend celebration of the Shropshire countryside, its trees and hedges.

Sign up for news and hedgerow project opportunities at: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project

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About the Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT)

The Middle Marches Community Land Trust was formed in 2019. We are a community-led Trust based in the Middle Marches committed to the promotion and development of sustainable and environmentally responsible agriculture that supports a thriving natural world.

Our Vision is to help create an ecologically healthy and sustainable countryside in the hills of the Middle Marches. To do this, the Trust acquires and manages land with current or potential high wildlife value for conservation purposes.

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We also work with landowners, support local food production, collaborate with other organisations and act as an 'advice hub'.

MMCLT is a Society for the benefit of the community, which you can join by becoming a member from as little as £50. Go to the **Membership page** of our website for more information and to join, or contact us.