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Shropshire

# Annual Report 2024



## CPRE Shropshire AGM: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford

Welcome to our 2024 Annual Report reviewing our activities for 2023,

You are warmly invited to CPRE Shropshire's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26 June (see enclosed papers and your invitation and booking form inside this report).

We are delighted to invite you to the Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford this year where we will enjoy a talk, refreshments and an optional geology/nature walk on to the Ercall afterwards, hopefully in fine June sunshine!

Please book your place using the booking form inside this Report and ensure you get that to us by the stated deadline.



Church of St Mary Magdalene,  
Battlefield, nr Shrewsbury  
Sarah Jameson

## Chair's report

As I mentioned last year, it is a huge challenge to oversee the work of our CPRE branch. I am pleased to say that our district groups – South Shropshire, Oswestry and Shrewsbury – are gathering pace, as evidenced in their reports further on. After another full year of meetings with CPRE Head Office mostly on Zoom, Shropshire Branch on Zoom in the winter months and in person in the warmer months, I have more understanding of what we are doing and why we're here.

With a new Chief Executive at Head Office, Roger Mortlock, there is a new vision of where CPRE fits in the country as a whole and how CPRE can influence countryside matters in the future. With the lead up to a general election, National CPRE has produced a 4-point manifesto which will be sent to each prospective parliamentary candidate. Do let our Branch Manager, Sarah Jameson, know if you would like a copy.

We are challenged to save our Shropshire countryside from over housing development, losing prime agricultural land to solar and chicken farms and, of course, natural woodland to the North West Relief Road. I would encourage you to attend the hustings in the county and make sure CPRE's voice is heard.

Following our third winter of hedge planting/renewing, a further grant application has been submitted to continue the momentum during the winter 2024/25. We are again hugely grateful to all the volunteers who have worked so hard (sometimes in awful weather conditions).

CPRE Shropshire also liaises with other countryside organisations such as the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, who have now stepped in to save Minsterley Meadows from being sold for housing development (see cover photo).

### 2023/24 Events attended by Branch members

- Ludlow Green Fair, 9 July 2023
- Haymeadow Festival, Craven Arms, 15 July 2023
- Burwarton Show, 10 August 2023
- Stepping Stones Conference, Norbury Village Hall, 23 February 2024
- MMCLT Meadows & Verges, Oswestry Memorial Hall, 8 March 2024
- Shropshire Rivers' Conference, Shrewsbury Wildlife Trust, 12 March 2024
- Rivers Meeting, Minsterley Parish Hall, 7 May 2024

### Chair's continuing attendance at various Committees:

- Chairs' Chat – monthly online
- West Midlands Region – quarterly online
- Assembly – quarterly online
- CPRE Shrewsbury District at Bicton Village Hall bimonthly, in future at Abbey Station in Shrewsbury
- CPRE Shropshire Branch – on Zoom bimonthly in the Winter, in person during Spring/Summer months at Shropshire Wildlife Trust/Abbey Station, Shrewsbury.

### My heartfelt thanks to:

- Our new President, Sir Neil Cossons, for joining us last summer.
- Sarah Jameson for all the work she puts in above and beyond what she is contracted to do as our Branch Manager.
- Zoe Turner for keeping our profile going on social media
- Charles Green for keeping our finances stable and continuing to keep up-to-date with technical planning matters
- Sally Green for her hugely enjoyable geology lectures
- All our trustees for their support and expertise.
- And finally to you as a Member - we could not do all of this without your support!

Susan Lockwood,  
Chair, CPRE Shropshire



# Come to CPRE Shropshire's 2024 AGM!

Wednesday 26th June, Buckatree Hall Hotel,  
The Wrekin, Wellington, Telford, TF6 5AL, 4pm start

CPRE Shropshire is delighted to be holding its 2024 AGM at the Buckatree Hall Hotel next to the Ercall nature reserve near Telford.

Following the AGM business, there will be two short presentations on the important ecology and geology of the Ercall. This will be followed by a finger buffet and an opportunity for a guided walk (optional) to see some of the Ercall's famous geology with CPRE Shropshire's very own Sally Green (whose popular annual geology talks you can watch on CPRE Shropshire's You Tube channel) and Matt Hawkins (Shropshire Wildlife Trust's Community Reserves Officer).

To book your place, please complete the booking form below and send it to Sarah Jameson by post or by email on the details provided below. **Deadline for bookings: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.** Further details will be sent out to participants nearer the date.

## AGM Booking Form

***Tickets are £15.00 per person, to include talk, buffet and optional walk.*** Members are very welcome to bring a non-member guest (but only CPRE members are allowed to vote on AGM matters).

I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ place/s at the CPRE AGM on 26/6/24 at £15 per person

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made out to "Campaign to Protect Rural England (Shropshire Branch)"

I wish to pay by bank transfer £\_\_\_\_\_ (Sortcode 30-98-97 / A/c No: 79628560 / Bank name: Campaign to Protect Rural England (Shropshire Branch); please reference your payment "AGM" and include your surname)

I have the following dietary/mobility needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Planning Update

In our perpetual quest to Stand up for the Countryside, CPRE Shropshire continues to monitor planning applications and to keep an eye on the activities of Shropshire Council, Telford & Wrekin Council and other bodies. It is a big task to cover the whole of the county, solely with volunteers. On the national level, it is the paid staff in National CPRE that lobby Government and set policy on things like renewables and transport, which flows down to County level. Lobbying of political parties and candidates is already happening ahead of the next General Election.

The climate crisis and the ecological crisis loom over us, though there is always a path to be trod between group-think and what is happening on the ground. In the world of the internet and globalisation it is also sometimes hard to pick out what is greenwash, and there will be more of it now that Biodiversity Net Gain is a requirement of many planning applications.

Below are some of the areas in which we have been particularly active over the last year.

### Local Plan Reviews

It is wearying to realise that the review of the Shropshire Council Local Plan has been going on since January 2017 and seems likely to last well into 2025 at least. Over the last year, Shropshire Council has stumbled towards producing what the Inspectors actually now want. They had a second go in July last year, the Bradford Estate team threatened legal action over it, the Inspectors sent that homework back, the Council asked for clarification and we now have their third attempt at producing something that can be considered to be “sound”. A six week consultation on the 1,500 or so pages of new material closes on 11 June, after which there will then be further hearing sessions. Only after the successful conclusion of that will we be able to move to Stage 2, the consideration of the proposed allocations.

The consultation on Telford & Wrekin Council’s new Draft Local Plan straddled the Christmas and New Year period. Their projections for the plan period of 2020 to 2040 show an increase in population of 11,200. For that they want to build 20,200 houses! The conclusion is that most of these houses are being provided for the unmet need of the West Midlands conurbation (although that is not overtly

stated) and that there is double counting of that need because of the varying base dates used for housing need calculations around the region.

### Government Policy

The revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework proved to be something of a damp squib. We still await a revision to the formula for calculating housing need, which remains based on 2014 figures, because that gives the best “fudge” for the mantra of 300,000 new houses a year.

The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill gave little prospect of rural counties like ours getting our fair share of the cake, though there is some prospect of road-building funds from the scrapping of the northern part of HS2.

### Renewables

The conflicts surrounding renewables policy have been highlighted with recent solar farm planning activity. In autumn 2022 the second Ledwych solar farm (22/02151/FUL) was refused by Shropshire Council partly on the grounds that it was on best and most versatile land. At the same time, the Greete solar farm (22/02565/FUL), also near Ludlow, was revised to remove some areas of grade 2 land from within its original “red line” boundary. The Ledwych applicant appealed and their appeal was allowed in July 2023 (22/02565/FUL), the need for renewables being deemed to trump the need for good agricultural land, and other factors. In February, the Greete applicant decided, after all, that it wasn’t convenient for them to fiddle about with little bits of agricultural land within the swathes of solar panels, and have applied to vary the relevant condition (24/00764/VAR). Then in late March there was the refusal of the appeal on the Berrington solar farm (23/03207/REF), primarily because it would be on land that is a stronghold for skylarks. In this case the ecological crisis was deemed to trump the climate crisis.

In the Telford & Wrekin Council area, the adjoining Steeraway and New Works solar farms (around 145 acres of solar farm just south of junction 6 of the M54, near where we are holding our AGM this June), were both allowed at appeal in Spring 2023. Telford & Wrekin Council tried to challenge those decisions by way of Judicial Review, but in September 2023 the court found that their claim had been filed too late, due to a mix up of dates over the Coronation Bank Holiday!



River Severn near Shrewsbury  
(Sarah Jameson)

CPRE nationally continue to campaign for solar panels to be put on roofs, particularly on industrial buildings, as a matter of course.

Wind farms and pylons are touched on in the Oswestry District report.

### **North West Relief Road**

You probably all heard that Shropshire Council's Northern Planning Committee approved in principle the North West Relief Road application, with the 64 related conditions, at its meeting in February 2024, to much trumpeting from the Council, which was of course both the applicant and the decision maker. What has not generally been publicised is that three legal agreements with landowners surrounding Hencott Pool SSSI have to be agreed first, before the formal decision notice can be issued, and that is taking some time. Only once that formal decision has been issued does the clock start running on the making of legal challenges to that decision.

The finances surrounding the road are quite another thing. On Leap Year Day, at its Full Council meeting, Shropshire Council voted themselves another £17 million of capital funding for works preparatory to the main contract, having spent the earlier part of the meeting discussing the dire state of the Council's finances, albeit on revenue not capital account. The Council remains convinced that the Government promise to fully fund the NWRR from the monies saved by scrapping the northern part of HS2 will actually materialise.

They first have to produce up to date costings via a Full Business Case, which you may be amazed to know has not yet been done. There are those that believe that the Government promise is just based on costings within the years old Outline Business Case.

### **Poultry farms and river health**

After some five years, the "three counties" map of intensive poultry farms is currently being updated. The effect on river health, both from run-off from poultry manure and from sewage releases by the water companies, remains a local and national concern, and a scandal.

### **Other matters**

We also remain active within the West Midlands Regional Group, the Country Branches Forum and the Assembly. We are also always looking for knowledgeable volunteers to help us carry out all this planning activity!

**Charles Green**  
Chief Planning Spokesperson

## **Treasurer's Report**

The receipts and payments account shown on the reverse of the agenda for the AGM is in the format recommended by our Independent Examiner for submission to the Charity Commission. Because that doesn't quite paint a full comparative picture

## Social Media Report

Throughout 2023 CPRE Shropshire found new ways to reach out to its audience as well as strengthening the social media accounts already in use.

Spring saw us joining TikTok and sharing short clips of the work that has been completed in the Hedgerow project 2023-2024 and the newly launched 'Threads' - Instagrams rival to X (Twitter) - has also been a recent venture.

Our You Tube channel has gone from strength to strength with an increase in subscribers and a number of fantastic short films and online talks being made available for everyone to view. The fantastic bitesize series showcasing the hedgerow project was launched in June 2023 and these have proved popular to current and new members alike.

We have some exciting plans for 2024 that will enable CPRE Shropshire to reach and engage our members further so just watch this space.

**Zoe Turner**  
Social Media

for the year, we have also included two further pages of figures, including a detailed analysis of the three Phases to date of the Hedgerow Heroes figures. The full "audited" version of the accounts is five pages long, which we can happily supply to anyone who applies, but they do not add any significant details to what is presented at the AGM.

It is necessary to split figures between "unrestricted" and "restricted" items but the routine activity is shown by the "unrestricted" amounts. The separate sheet of figures shows receipts almost identical to 2022, but lower overall payments, with a resulting net deficit of £884 for 2023 compared to a larger one of £3,285 in 2022. Fortunately, we continue to have healthy reserves to fund this net charitable expenditure.

The main "restricted" items relate to our fantastic Hedgerow Heroes campaign. The calendar year figures are shown on the reverse of the AGM agenda, but that does not paint the real picture, because the "hedgerow" year does not match the calendar year. For that reason, the three Phases of the campaign that we have run so far are shown on the separate page of figures. The surpluses shown for Phase 1 and Phase 2 have largely now been applied in Phase 3. We have also just had the great news that we have been successful in bidding for Phase 4.

The second element of restricted items is for the CPRE West Midlands Regional Group. National CPRE ceased dealing with the funds for this group following the change in national CPRE's constitution last autumn and we have agreed to act as "banker" for those funds.

Following the year end we have closed the NS&I account, which was difficult to manage and yielded low interest. Instead we have opened a 32 day notice deposit account with Lloyds, which yields better interest and can be managed, like the current account, over the internet.

As an exempt charity we do not pay tax. We were however required this last year to complete a Corporation Tax return for 2022. Our Independent Examiner thinks this may be part of random HMRC checks. We are, however, able to reclaim Gift Aid on any donations given to us under that scheme.

**Charles Green**  
Hon Treasurer

### CPRE Social Media accounts statistics (January 2023 to December 2023)

Instagram Followers:  
At January 2023 – 744  
At December 2023 - 899

Twitter Followers:  
At January 2023 - 1,831  
At December 2023 - 1,873

Facebook: Page Likes:  
At January 2023 - 767  
At December 2023 - 824

Facebook Followers:  
At January 2023 - 904  
At December 2023 - 991

N.B - A "Like" is a person who has chosen to attach their name to your Page as a fan. A Follower is a person who has chosen to receive the updates that you post in their news feed.

## Heritage Report

The role of the Heritage Adviser is to try to assess the nature of applications for listed building consent and those in conservation areas, derived from the weekly lists issued by the Local Authority.

Recent applications have ranged from demolition of a church to build a house (subsequently refused) to large-scale projects for major country houses.

Shropshire had 136 country houses before WW1 but societal and economic changes reduced these to half this number. Those that remain are important to retain reasonably intact. The applications, requiring detailed examination of numerous documents, were to convert Hinton Hall, Whitchurch to a nursing home where the changes to satisfy stringent energy and fire regulations would have removed many historic features (subsequently refused), and Neach Hill House near Shifnal where the conversion to a hotel plus a 53-unit housing estate (enabling development). Another recent scenario involved changes to Pell Wall Hall, a country house by Sir John Soane, which would have had implications for its setting and historic landscape.

Farm building conversions to residential continue apace. Thankfully most conform to the golden rule of retaining and reusing existing openings to illustrate the original farming function.

A recent Government proposal to relax the rules on the size and positioning of extensions under the General Development Order (permitted development) may have a detrimental effect. Whilst the core of historic towns/villages may be a conservation area the peripheral areas are important for setting within the landscape.

**Carole Ryan Ridout**  
Heritage Adviser

## Shropshire Hills National Landscape

The meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, was my first meeting standing in for Sarah Bury who has done sterling work for many years on behalf of the CPRE. This meeting coincided with an announcement of the renaming of Areas of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB) to National Landscapes.

The main focus of the meeting was to announce the commencement of work on the Shropshire Hill National Landscape (SHNL) new management plan. Phil Holden, Manager explained that the Partnership Group was advisory only, however he was keen to seek the views of the partners on the proposals for inclusion in the plan. The members split into groups to 'brainstorm' different aspects of the plan, such as planning and land management. Members were encouraged to submit further ideas and comments.

Following the Levelling up & Regeneration Act the government are expecting a great deal more from the National Landscapes to deliver on national priorities such as the 25-year environment plan and the Green Finance Strategy.

Short presentations were given about the SHNL Young Rangers Work which encourages 12-16-year-olds to get involved in conservation work; the Shropshire Food Partnership and the refurbished Acton Scott Farm.

The second meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 discussed the Shropshire Local Nature Recovery Plan (LNRP). Disappointingly there is no extra funding for the delivery of any recommendations of the LNRP. The government are relying on private finance initiatives and an alignment with the Biodiversity Net Gain requirements in the Environment Act to help fund the implementation.

Natural England gave a short presentation about the proposals to create a Super National Nature Reserve (NNR) around the existing Stiperstones NNR.

**Sue Steer,**  
CPRE representative on the Shropshire Hills National Landscape (was AONB) board

## Intensive Poultry Units (IPUs)

One of the main problems with Intensive Poultry Units apart from the smell is the problem of the disposal of chicken manure. There have been various attempts to solve this problem from carrying the manure outside of the county, supermarkets funding farm wetlands to stop pollution entering our rivers to special incinerators which burn the litter produced by the farms to provide heat that warms the next generation of chickens. Unless the public are willing to pay more for chicken meat, farmers cannot afford the cost of the equipment required.

The problem is increasing and the numbers of chickens in Shropshire is overtaking those in Herefordshire once new poultry units are given the green light are built. There will be about 20 million chickens in Shropshire verses 18.9 million in Herefordshire.

One of the UK's biggest food producers Avara is being sued for allegedly damaging the river Wye by solicitors Leigh Day on behalf of thousands of people living in the Wye catchment area who may have been affected by the pollution in the water.

In a separate legal action campaigners have accused the Environment Agency of not protecting the river Wye from pollution. Brought by the charity River Action and the outcome of that judicial review case is expected soon.

**Bill Ware**



## Rural transport in Shropshire

The end of 2023 showed little progress on the public transport front from the situation at the beginning of the year.

Promises of diverting the cancelled HS2 funding to local projects like the rail link to Birmingham and the Oswestry/ Gobowen light rail link are for the next government of whatever colour to fulfill – or not. Plans for a new rail line from Wrexham to Euston have been announced but the existing rail links from Shrewsbury to Birmingham is apparently to be terminated this summer.

The campaign for a local train link from Baschurch continues. Bus services continue to be cut back – our MP discovered that the only bus service running on a Sunday in the whole of Shropshire is the Transport for Wales service linking Oswestry with Wrexham. She continues to campaign for better services and convened a bus summit last year with operators, the voluntary sector and representatives of Shropshire Council to discuss the situation. It appears that all bus services in Shropshire have to be subsidised by the Council as they are not self financing. The fare cap of £2 cannot have improved this, but passenger numbers have presumably improved, though there do not appear to be any figures as yet.

The good news is that the 30,000 plus houses planned for Shropshire in the Local Plan are still mainly awaiting approval, so the climate damage which will be caused when the occupiers all start driving to work has been postponed.

Elizabeth Jones  
Rural Transport

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### Shrewsbury district

When at last we could all meet together following the covid lockdowns, Bicton Village Hall was chosen as a meeting place. There are now ten members in the group.

Discussions generally are centred around planning issues ably led and monitored by Charles Green. Issues concerning the North West Relief Road, the huge developments occurring at Bicton, Oteley Road, and Meole Brace, and the delay in the completion of the Local Plan Review come up at each meeting.

Occasionally an objection sent to the Planning Officers does get through to being refused, such as:

- A windfall proposed house in the garden of an existing house too near to the brook at Radbrook – (Land SW of 51 Ridgebourne Road, adjacent to Radbrook Road, Shrewsbury)
- Red Barn Lane, where 5 houses were planned that would encroach onto protected conservation land. There are now 5 houses being erected on the Red Barn Lane intersection with the Coleham Road.

We are also grateful for the time and effort that Selby Martin and David Arkinstall have served as chairs for the group.

Susan Lockwood,  
Chair Shrewsbury District Group



## Telford & Wrekin district

Telford and Wrekin Borough Council has arranged many activities encouraging residents to enjoy the countryside, but alas, it is being consumed by several major construction developments. A side effect of these developments is wildlife being squeezed into ever-decreasing territory, with more reports of cars colliding with deer.

The Secretary of State has allowed two solar farms of almost 100 acres in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (now "National Landscape"). Currently they are on hold because the developers cannot supply a competent safety plan for containing effluent resulting from dousing a battery fire, an issue raised by your Telford CPRE representative!

A glamping and education unit has been allowed in an environmentally fragile lime quarry. The wildlife is specific to this small isolated area. The development and the extra foot-fall will be very detrimental to its ecology.

In The Nedge (pictured below), work on 350 houses has started. The building of a new roundabout necessitated removal of 150 metres of very mature hedgerow and trees. One tree that was cut down and dragged 40 metres away contained a nest of 5 magpie chicks. Fortunately, they were saved and taken to Cuan Wildlife Rescue.

Nearby in Hem Lane is a further development of up to 35 houses. Hem Lane is a little-used road not wide enough for two-way traffic. Planning was passed on the understanding that the road will be widened with an additional pedestrian footpath. This will lead to more loss of wildlife habitat.

Telford must develop, but more environmental sensitivity is needed.

Greg Sinclair, Chair Telford & Wrekin

## Bridgnorth district

Over the last year the informal Bridgnorth Group has met from time to time to consider planning issues that have caused concern. Where appropriate representations and objections have been submitted to the Planning Authority.

A Group member is on the County's Executive Committee, has been the County's representative at Regional meetings and keeps the Group informed on issues raised and any actions taken or proposed.

A general worry is the proposal to close two waste disposal plants in the Shropshire Council area, which is considered as penny-pinching, and will cause an unacceptable increase in illegal dumping of waste.

The Bridgnorth Group will be on an informal basis, continuing to meet periodically to consider countryside issues in the Bridgnorth District of particular interest or creating concern.

We wish everyone a happy and pleasant summer.

Stella Voysey,  
Joint Chair Bridgnorth District Group

## Oswestry district

Our one social event of the year, our AGM in October, was accompanied by fascinating talks on drone surveys of wildlife and on Shelduck migration. Activity carries on throughout the year though behind the scenes and at Branch meetings, at which District affairs are considered. There has also been liaison between our members and our MP Helen Morgan over matters related to buses and transport, flooding and pylons.



The Nedge farmland soon to disappear.

© CPRE Greg Sinclair

**Issues arising around the Oswestry District included:**

**Old Oswestry:** The revised planning application (23/00225/FUL) for 83 houses near Old Oswestry Hillfort was approved at Committee on 28 July. Our complaint about its poor sustainability credentials fell on deaf ears. The formal permission, after completion of the s106 legal agreement for affordable housing, was not issued until 26 January 2024. So far, there have been no applications to discharge any of the ten pre-commencement conditions.

**Innovation Park:** Work is now underway on the planned warehousing, but the project is hardly innovative. The cycle/pedestrian bridge straddles the A5 but is not yet connected at either end.

**West Felton conservation area:** our Heritage Adviser, Carol Ryan-Ridout fought hard to secure this new conservation area, although it was not as extensive as she recommended.

**Pylon Plans:** New plans were announced last autumn by Bute Energy and Green Gen Cymru for a pylon line from mid-Wales to near Oswestry, serving wind farms and evoking similarities to the previously shelved National Grid plan from 2011, which faced heavy criticism, particularly from Welsh stakeholders. CPRE Oswestry submitted a 9-page response to that consultation, but no detailed responses by Bute/Green Gen to the many consultation responses are yet forthcoming. Helen Morgan led a packed meeting in Pant about the issue on 19 April 2024. Bute/Green Gen appear to be going it alone despite National Grid and Scottish Power Energy Networks still being around. There are also reports of them harrying landowners for access for surveys, antagonising them just like a decade ago.

**HS2 spin-off:** The Cambrian Heritage Railways Gobowen rail link is expected to be the beneficiary of savings from the cancelled HS2 project.

**Oswestry Place Plan area:** This area, roughly equivalent to the old Oswestry Borough Council area, has produced well over £8 million in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from housebuilding in the area since 2012. CIL is levied in order to provide some of the infrastructure needs caused by this extra housebuilding, but over 80% of Shropshire Council's share of this has yet to be spent. Much of it is earmarked for transport-related projects.

Charles Green  
Joint Chair, Oswestry District Group

## CPRE Hedgerow Project Phase 3 - overview

In 2023, CPRE Shropshire was awarded funding via CPRE National Office for Phase 3 of its Hedgerow Heroes project and by the end of this phase had delivered:

- Creation of 8km of new hedgerow with volunteer help
- Hedge sites: 30
- Volunteer planters: c.230
- Volunteer hours planting: c.2000
- No of whips planted: c.40K
- 2-day hedgelaying training workshops run: 4
- Hedgelaying trainees: 48
- Metres of hedge laid in workshops: 180
- Hedge management workshops: 2
- Hedge management training attendees: 50
- Hedgerow surveying workshops: 2
- Hedgerow surveying training attendees: 50
- 2-day practical coppicing workshops run: 3
- Coppicing workshop attendees: 24
- Hedgerow Arts workshops: 4
- Hedgerow Arts attendees: 48

Our short contemplative film "The Hedgelayer" has notched up over 52K views (and rising) on You Tube.

We are delighted to report that we have been successful in our application for further funding for Phase 4 of the Hedgerow project, which will enable us to do more hedge creation and hedgerow-related activities in our lovely Shropshire countryside in 2024/5.

I would like to sincerely thank the Trustees and committee of CPRE Shropshire for their ongoing support and encouragement for this project, and in particular huge thanks to Charles Green for keeping the accounting side of the project in good order!

Sarah Jameson, Branch Manager &  
Hedgerow Heroes Project Co-ordinator

A fantastic turnout of staff from Severn Trent came to help us plant a hedge at Pollardine Farm in the Shropshire Hills





# the HEDGELAYER



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Hedgelaying trainees at a CPRE workshop (c) Really Rural Ltd; below: Young Wilders at Great Poston Farm (c) Young Wilders; Planting at Cwm Collo (c) Sarah Jameson)



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