

## Shropshire Hills AONB Final Report

### Achievements of Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project EDGTON VILLAGE (RSVP)

April 2021 to March 2022

#### Edgton village

Spring and summer of 2021 was concentrated on:

Restoration of specific sites in and around Edgton Village, see interim report below and case study written for national Verge Project led by Plantlife. <https://roadverges.plantlife.org.uk/>



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Plantlife Case Studies EDGTON.pdf

Since September in Edgton activity has been focused on reduction of fertility on specified verges by late mowing, management of restored verges, sowing of yellow rattle seed and preparation of plant plugs for more intentional planting in spring 2022.



#### Wider impacts and outreach support for other verge projects across Shropshire (& wider)

Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project continues to grow and verge talk's and outreach support has been given to numerous mini projects, advising on setting up projects and direct support preparing verges for restoration.

List here:

1. Ludlow sheet road and eco park	2. Batch Valley All Stretton
3. St Martins	4. All Stretton
5. Stottesdon	6. Calverhall
7. Shrewsbury & Atcham Green Party	8. Shropshire Association of Local Councils
9. Pulverbatch	10. Bridgenorth Town Council
11. Leintwardine	12. Minsterley
13. Whitchurch	14. Bishop's Castle
15. Bayston Hill	16. Calverhall
17. Wall-under- Haywood	18. Bushmoor
19. Hopton	20. Shropshire Love Nature Festival
21. Round Oak	

#### Inclusion in Shropshire Parish Highways Group

Janet is a member of the Parish Highways group representing RSVP and doubling as Parish Clerk for Edgton Village. Potential outcome, still being negotiated, is that Verge Restoration may be included in Shropshire Councils Environmental Maintenance Grant next year (2023)

The process for redesigning the grant has been delayed by Covid and staff changes.

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/environmental-maintenance-grant-programme-changes/>

## Plantlife on-line seminar on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

500+ participants took place and follow up enquiries received from the Cairngorms to Cornwall on Shropshire's verge project.

See recording below

*Are you interested in wildlife-friendly road verges?*

Perhaps you're a wildlife group, a councillor or highways officer, or a contractor but not sure where to start or need some inspiration?

Hear from individuals and organisations from around the country who are transforming road verges for wildflowers and the wildlife they support.

Find out more about Plantlife's campaign to manage road verges better for nature:

### **SHROPSHIRE at 45.53**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E\\_zIL-D55MQ&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_zIL-D55MQ&t=5s)

## Restoring Shropshire's Verges Conference

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 was the first RSVP conference attracting over 60 delegates and presentations from:

- ✓ Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project
- ✓ Hertfordshire Verging on the Wild
- ✓ Northern Ireland's 'Don't Mow let it Grow'
- ✓ Buglife B-Lines project

Conference report here and see partnership opportunities at the end of this report.



RSVP Conference  
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## Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)

Janet has given three zoom presentations to SALC over Autumn and Winter, the Executive Team, South Shropshire SALC & North Shropshire SALC. A handful of Parish Clerks may take forward verge projects in their own parishes as a result.

So Far Grinshill PC; Stockton PC; Stoke on Tern PC; Sutton upon Tern PC, Ellesmere Town Council, Prees PC.

## Case studies written for Plantlife national project excluding Edgton

Ludlow illustrates that mini meadows could be created on just about any housing estate across the UK and discussions started with Street Scene Support for Central & South Shropshire on future possibilities PLUS potential management of Ludlow Eco Park pond site – see Eco Park Doc proposal for Shropshire Council by Ludlow RSVP group.



Plantlife Case Studies Ludlow.pdf



Plantlife Case Studies Main Road VERGES.p



Plantlife Case Studies NESSCLIFFE.pdf



Final Eco Park.docx.pdf

## Western Power and Round Oak verges

Western power laid underground cables and in doing so destroyed some of the wild flower verges around Round Oak. RSVP have successfully negotiated a plan to restore these verges in partnership with Western Power.



FINAL Round Oak  
restoration plan RSVP

## Plans for 2022 to 2023

Collaborative project between RSVP, Caring for Gods acre ARK project and CPRE Hedgerow Hero's across 26 Shropshire sites.

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