



Durham Hedgerow Partnership

The Durham Hedgerow Partnership brings together organisations and individuals committed to promoting the appreciation and conservation of hedgerows in the Durham Biodiversity Partnership area. Its objectives include:

Raising awareness and promoting good practice

The partnership publishes guidance on planting, laying and trimming hedges in the form of guidance sheets and cab-cards. It promotes and sponsors training in hedgerow management, and runs the annual County Durham Hedge-laying and Dry-stone walling Competition

Providing Grants for Hedgerow Planting and Renovation

The partnership provides grants for planting and restoring hedges through the Field Boundary Restoration Grant Scheme with the financial support of Durham County Council, City of Sunderland, South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council, Darlington Borough Council, and the County Durham Environmental Trust. New sponsors are being sought to expand this programme.

Generating Income through Sponsorships and Partnerships

The partnership seeks to attract financial resources from national government and the European Union together with sponsorship from local partners. Individual sponsors are being sought for events and publications.

Contributing to the Durham Biodiversity Action Plan for Hedgerows

The partnership assists in the production of the Hedgerow Biodiversity Action Plan, which identifies priorities for action and provides a focus for the partnership's activities.

Influencing the Development of Legislation and Policy

The partnership seeks to influence the development of national legislation and policies on hedgerow protection and conservation.

Hedgerow Surveys

The partnership is involved in studies designed to provide more information on the county's hedgerows and which assist in targeting resources on important features like ancient and species rich hedgerows and provide the basis for monitoring progress.

Partners

Key partners include farmers and landowners and their representatives, local authorities and a range of nature conservation bodies. They include:

- County Durham Environmental Trust
- East Durham and Houghall Community College
- National Farmers Union,
- Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
- Natural England
- Durham Wildlife Trust
- ADAS
- Lantra
- Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services (UTASS)
- Durham County Council
- City of Sunderland Council
- South Tyneside Council
- Gateshead Council
- Darlington Borough Council
- Tyne Tees Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group

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