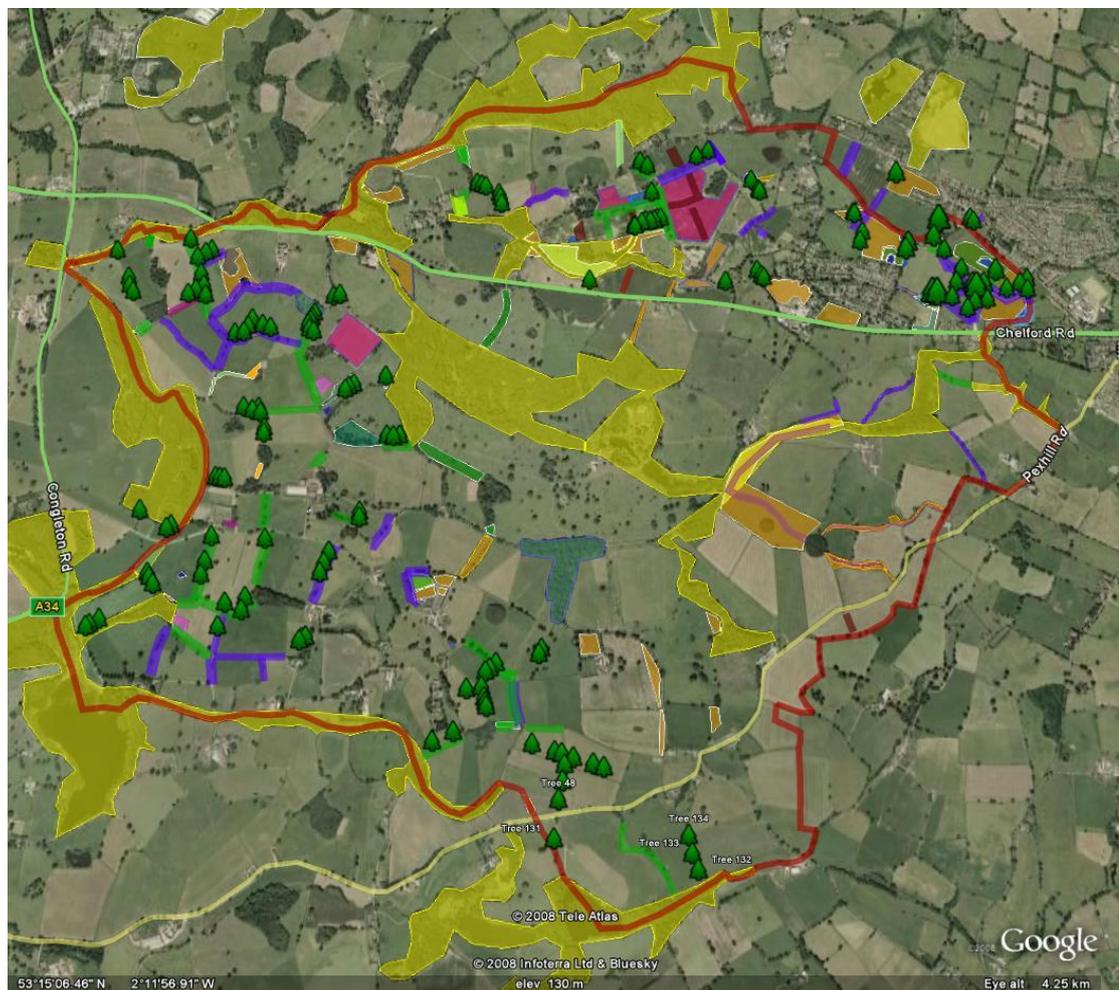


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Summary

Henbury Parish Council published an Environmental Survey Report in 2009, which gave an overview of the Parish's landscape with particular regard to its natural habitat value. This then triggered a project to implement the recommendations provided, led by the Parish Council, with the assistance of the relevant landowners and enabled by an active set of volunteers within the local community.

The funding for the project has been provided by Henbury Parish Council and, in one year, the Cheshire region Biodiversity Partnership (CrBP). The project has so far focused on hedgerow and tree planting across the Parish, primarily at locations targeted within the survey report. Cheshire Landscape Trust has provided over six hundred trees to support the project, TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) have provided over five hundred and a number of additional 'home-grown' saplings have been donated by parish residents.

Detail

Almost 10km of hedgerow has been identified for restoration, and over the winters of 2009/10 and 2010/11 1.6km had been restored with 1.2km of new planting. Tree planting was undertaken both along hedgerows and in some field locations.

Work undertaken during the winters of 2011/12 and 2012/13, and funded by the Parish Council, has built upon the early work by continuing with the hedgerow restoration, while also including a more substantial tree-planting scheme. Planting has been at diverse locations across the Parish, with some bias towards those locations that are publicly visible. In total we now have almost 2km of new planting which has helped restore 2.5km of hedgerow. To put this into perspective, 2km is the approximate distance from St Thomas' Church to Old Hall, and if the hedgerows eventually grow to be 1 metre wide this will represent 0.75 acres of valuable wildlife habitat!

Contributions towards the cost of the planting from Mr Alan Jackson of Old Parks Farm and Sir Iain Glidewell of Rough Heys Farm were very gratefully received for the planting done on their land, and this allowed for increased activity in 2012/2013.

We were successful in our application to join the TCV Big Tree Plant Scheme in 2012, and with the co-operation of the Cock Inn we successfully planted, and fenced, 500 trees between Chelford Road and Whirley Road in March 2013, in a plot of around half an acre. This will form an excellent small woodland strip in years to come as the trees mature and help to provide a green buffer between Henbury and Broken Cross. Great credit is due to the thirty people who gave up their time to enable this.

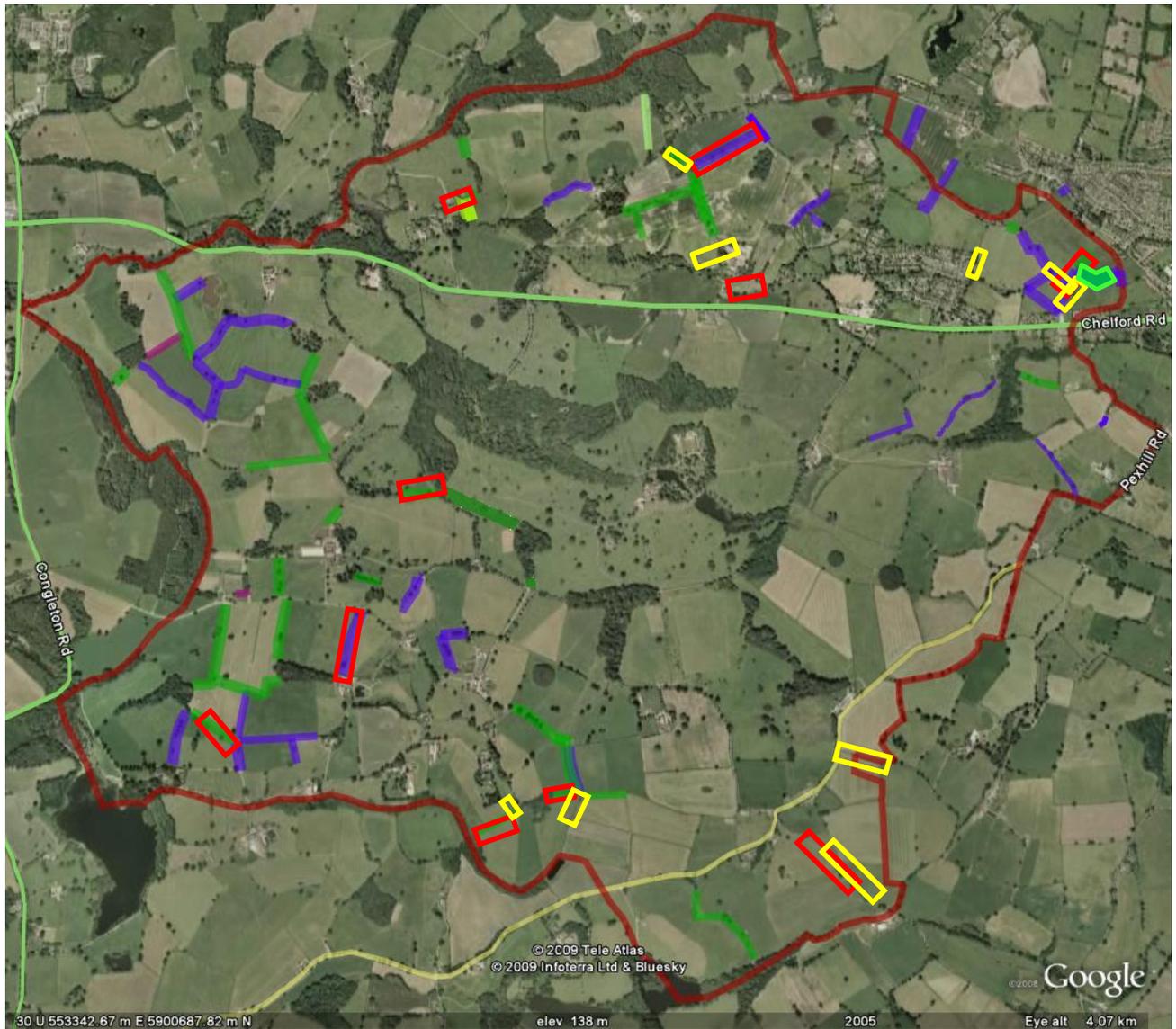
Other tree planting has continued along existing hedgerows and in the new hedgerows planted, helping to reverse the decline in hedgerow tree population across the Parish.

The location and details of the hedgerow planting to date are given in the table on the following page, together with a representation on an aerial view. Red rectangles highlight the new planting in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 with those in yellow being the planting in 2011/12 and 2012/13. The 2013 tree planting location is shown as the green chevron in the north-east corner of the Parish. A set of photographs then show the volunteers in action and some of the end results.

Conclusion

The project continues to be a great success, thanks particularly to the support from Henbury Parish Council, Cheshire region Biodiversity Partnership, Cheshire Landscape Trust and the TCV. More than fifty volunteers have now been involved, with a dedicated core team.

We continue to apply the approach of the Wildlife Trusts' Living Landscape strategy, and are showing that this can be done at a local level with local people and local funding. At least one other local parish is now starting their own project on a similar basis and interest has been received from across Cheshire, so there are signs that this approach may become more widely adopted in future.



Locations of the hedgerow planting

Year	Location	Grid ref.	New planting (m)	Restored length (m)	Funded By	Planted By
2010/2011			1170	1645		
2012	Longmoss (by Henbury Rise)	SJ882737	60	60	HPC	HPC
2012	Longmoss (adjoining Cock Inn land)	SJ886737	50	70	HPC	HPC
2012	Springbank Farm	SJ866717	90	90	HPC	HPC
2012	Rough Heys Farm	SJ871744	110	110	HPC	HPC
2012	Springbank Farm	SJ863718	60	60	HPC	HPC
2012	Old Parks Farm (Dark Lane)	SJ877714	145	180	HPC/A Jackson	HPC
2013	Rough Heys Farm	SJ871740	120	120	HPC/I Glidewell	HPC
2013	Old Parks Farm (Pexhill Road)	SJ877719	150	170	HPC/A Jackson	HPC
2010-2013	Totals		1955	2505		

Hedgerow planting summary



Photographs of the work in 2012/13

Simon Browne, Sep 2013