

SUFFOLK HEDGEROW SURVEY NEWSLETTER

ST EDMUNDSBURY

Chairman's Chat Summer 2010

- I am asking you all to celebrate with me the award of the Green Community Hero that was presented to me at the Suffolk Greenest County gala dinner on 18th March in recognition of the contribution to local communities in Suffolk. If it had not been for the hard work done by the Committee and 2000 volunteer coordinators, surveyors and Parish Clerks, it would never have been possible. So in the best way I know, I am asking you all to share with me in this prestigious award with my grateful thanks.
- Alas, our work is not yet done! We have had completed surveys from 154 parishes, notable recently, from Layham, Flowton, Gt. Glemham, Brightwell, Foxhall, Purdis Farm and Fakenham Magna. There are a further two completed awaiting delivery and several more promised shortly.
- There are another 146 parishes where the surveys have been ongoing for between 1 to 11 years (yes, that is 11) where completion is near or vaguely distant, depending on whether the coordinator is rattling the cages of the surveyor volunteers or has simply gone to sleep! There are sadly some coordinators from whom we have heard nothing for years but who have had newsletters and reminders from Wilf and me but alas in vain.
- If there are still some parish surveys which have stalled after surveyors had started, it is vitally important that we get their completed survey sheets and maps returned to me (by the coordinator preferably). It would be unforgivable to lose the work done by them: done all for nothing.
- Coordinators and surveyors are reminded that although there may be a shortage of surveyors or a few landowners who are not willing to give access, this does not disqualify the parish from being surveyed. Statistics indicate that up to 75-85% of hedgerows can still be surveyed from public access areas and these alone give a very strong indication of the diversity of species and status of hedgerows across the parish. It is important that as many parishes as possible are recorded, (if only in part) so as to discover the connectivity and the corridors between habitats, not only in the parish but across a much wider perspective; even from one District to another, especially along, say the Clayland spine running down the county, or the ancient farmlands and Sandlands
- Likewise, any surplus or part used maps MUST be returned to your District Officer or to me in order to recognize the requirements of the OS copyright. Any default can result in hefty fines.
- By now, late spring, early summer, at last, the hedgerows are fully greened over; it took a while this year after the worst winter for two decades at least. Now is the time, through to late October for the final push by surveyors and coordinators to get the surveying completed and the admin and mapping done before year-end. A good time also is after the harvest when access to hedgerows is improved and the newly planted species are easier to identify.
- We trained another 100 volunteers at Lackford and Thornham in May when the trainers and I were wondering if there were to be any hedgerows to look at due to the very late budding of trees and bushes. We went right up to the wire for Lackford as the hedges started to green over in the last 3 or 4 days before it was held. Lackford has often been a bit of concern for us but this year it was a cliff-hanger. This is the final year of formal training at these locations, so it was with some sadness to say goodbye to all our new friends and colleagues who have been so free with their help, cooperation and encouragement. I feel really quite privileged to have been able to borrow such beautiful and rich landscapes to train our teams.
- In all, there are another 21 'new' parishes resulting from our training in 2010. There were also 7 'existing' parishes that attended to refresh and for new volunteers to join their ongoing surveys. I estimate that between 1200 and 1300 volunteers have gone through our formal training sessions and many more at local teach-in sessions that Wilf and I have mainly conducted with others occasionally.
- For these 21 'new' parishes, there are opportunities for more local teach-ins if they can be arranged and if volunteers come forward. To help some of these parishes, tried and tested safe pairs of hands have stepped forward from neighbouring parishes (where their surveys have been completed) in order to help and encourage the 'freshers'. This is very encouraging for me also as it underlines the community team spirit which has been engendered throughout this vast machine rolling out across the County.
- I am hoping to be able to announce tremendous advances and successes across the board at the next newsletter in the autumn but this will only be possible if the coordinators speak to me, we are fast approaching the moment of truth.
- Enjoy the summer and have a good time.

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Summer 2010
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ONLY A FEW CO-ORDINATORS LET US KNOW HOW THEY ARE PROGRESSING THAT IS WHY THE INFORMATION RELATING TO MANY SURVEYS IS LIKELY TO BE OUT OF DATE!

Some don't let us know when they change address & contact details & we have to become detectives to find them!

IT IS MUCH SIMPLER FOR YOU AS A COORDINATOR TO MAKE ONE CALL OR SEND ONE E-MAIL TO US, THAN IT IS FOR US TO CONTACT EACH OF THE 430 PARISHES

COMPLETED SURVEYS

Chedburgh	Peter Westcott	01284 850 344	Cowlinge	Mr P Hyde	01284 850502
Depden	Peter I Payne	01284 850502	Fakenham Magna	Adam Jones	01359 268569
Fornham St. Martin	Mr. D Clift	01284 703306	Haverhill	Dave Bax	01440 762951
Hopton	Mrs. Luci Venn	01953681432	Hundon	John Andrews	01284 728803
Ingham	Mr John Andrews	01284 728 803	Ixworth	Nick Laughton	01359 230732
Knettishall	Mrs Luci Venn	01953 681180	Lidgate	Bob Hall	01638 500376
Little Thurlow	Jeremy Mynott	01440 783409	Wickhambrook	Roger Medley	01440 821861

ONGOING SURVEYS

<p>Bardwell - Barry Felton bfelton@tiscali.co.uk [tree warden & contact] - Met in March 09 & confirmed commitment to get survey undertaken & sent four volunteers to training in May. Aug. 09. Slow start but started all the same. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROGRESS</p>	<p>Barningham - Michael Millett 01359 221204 – April 09 Michael was to ask Dorothy Lodge, who has completed final mapping, to arrange collection by Guy Ackers. NO CONTACT WAS EVER MADE BY DOROTHY.</p>
<p>Chevington - Molly Tabram 01284 850923 molly@tabram.com – Survey was slow in 08. – May 09. - two of four surveyors attended training & were awaiting allocation of territories to survey. MAY 2010 FOUR VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED TRAINING AT LACKFORD AND WERE TO RESUME SURVEYING IMMEDIATELY.</p>	<p>Fornham All Saints – Mrs. Anne Johnson 01284 755711 Mrs Gloria Davies 01284 766094 – June 08 completed approximately 1/6 of the hedgerows with team of 8 - Hoping to complete by 2009. AUG. 09. DID NOT RESPOND TO E-MAIL ASKING FOR PROGRESS REPORT – WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH MORE HAS BEEN DONE.</p>
<p>Great Bradley - John Barrett 01440 820817 john.barrett@dsl.pipex.com – Oct. 09. have surveyed 70 hedgerows out of a total of about 150, so they are doing well and everyone is really enjoying the survey, find it interesting and the major landowner is making a great impression on everybody as he is deeply involved in the actual surveying as well. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROGRESS</p>	<p>Hepworth - Mrs Maggi Churchouse 01359 221004 maggi@maggichurchouseevents.co.uk – Volunteers attended training at Market Weston in April 09. July 09. Survey well under way with two surveyors having completed their areas. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROGRESS</p>
<p>Horringer - Jean Booth 01284 735559 – Aug.09. all the surveying was done except of one surveyor who has a 'few' to finish off and if she cannot do them then Jean will do them herself and deliver to Woodbridge . Guy Ackers offered to finish off the midpoint grid references as she is a little phased by them. NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>Kedington - Peter C Byron - 01440 712947 99007pcb@tiscali.co.uk – April 09 Guy Ackers e-mailed Peter for support – He & surveyors attended & really enjoyed the training course at Thornham. June.09 obtained permission from most of the land owners so will be able to start pretty soon if not some today. NO FURTHER NEWS ON PROGRESS - WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DONE.</p>
<p>Market Weston - Mrs Joan d'Albertanson - 01359 221379 – Nov. 09. All the hedgerows have been surveyed and mid points are done. Will do the colour coding on the master map after Christmas and make arrangements for delivery/collection then. NO FURTHER CONTACT.</p>	<p>Ousden - Sylvia Pettitt 01638 500378 sylviapettitt@lineone.net - Aug. 09. We are slowly progressing, and have probably completed two fifths of the hedges We divided the area into 5 and 2 people have finished theirs and I have done some but the other 2 are not able to do much. We are having a meeting on the 2nd Sept and I will update you then. SYLVIA DID NOT DO SO AND THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION.</p>
<p>Stanton - Mary Jane Toulson 01359 259646 – Aug. 09. All the hedgerows on the Wyken estate have been surveyed, but only twenty or so outside. JANUARY 2010 - HAVE NOT BEEN IDLE OVER THIS WINTER! HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHING NO HEDGES', PARTICULARLY TOWARDS BARNINGHAM. NO FURTHER NEWS.</p>	<p>Thelnetham - Maggi Churchouse [contact] 01359 221004 maggi@maggichurchouseevents.co.uk - Some volunteers were trained in 07. But survey did not get off the ground. Attended training event in April 09. at Market Weston. July 09. started with a minimal number of volunteers. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON PROGRESS.</p>

POTENTIAL SURVEYS

<p>Ampton - Ben Turner 01284 728213 – April 2010 Guy Ackers had a call from had a call from Ben Turner who is chair of the Annual Parish Meeting - he is talking with friends and colleagues to select a key person to act as parish contact or coordinator in time for attendance at Lackford. Others may also be recruited but their meeting is not until late May it is possible that this survey could start later this year. NO ONE ATTENDED TRAINING AT LACKFORD NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION.</p>	<p>Bury St Edmunds - Sue Lloyd [contact] 01284 768878 lloydscuba@aol.com Senior Ranger with Borough Council & colleagues attended training in May 09, but did not subsequently volunteer to coordinate or survey. APRIL 2010 A NEW SET OF VOLUNTEERS MET. 1 VOLUNTEER ATTENDED TRAINING AT LACKFORD LAKES AND 2 VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED TRAINING AT THORNHAM AND ARE READY TO SURVEY.</p>
<p>Coney Weston - Mary Gunn - 01359221608 mng31@btinternet.com - May 09. Mary attended training at Market Weston & agreed to coordinate – had starter pack & boundaries are numbered ready for start. Had been indisposed for a while but would be able to start walking round the parish very soon. NO FURTHER NEWS.</p>	<p>Culford - David Fisher 01284 728768 david.a.fisher@btinternet.com - showed interest in survey at SALC AGM in October 2007 – MAY 2010 - 3 VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED TRAINING AT LACKFORD AND ARE READY TO SURVEY.</p>
<p>Flempton – Jules Wright [contact] 01284 728341 jules@thewrightconcept.co.uk – There has been interest in the parish since 2005. Parish Chairman attended SALC talk in March 2007 & expressed interest. MAY 2010 JULES SPOKE WITH GUY ACKERS REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT LAUNCH WITH KENTFORD RISBY. NO FURTHER NEWS.</p>	<p>Great Thurlow – Conrad Hawkins - 01440 783259 mollyhawkins10@aol.com & Rod Pass [tree warden] - 01440 783610 rod.pass@btinternet.com - APRIL 2010 ROD REPORTED - HAVING SPOKE TO CONRAD WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN DO THE TRAINING OF OUR HELPERS OURSELVES. WE HOPE TO START THE SURVEY AS SOON AS ALL THE PLANTS ARE IN FULL LEAF AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PROGRESS</p>
<p>Little Wrattling - David J. Bax - 01440 762951 dave.bax@stedsbc.gov.uk APRIL 2010 - DAVID REPORTED - CHRISTINE AND I ARE WILLING TO DO SURVEY FOR LITTLE WRATTING IF IT'S STILL REQUIRED - WILL MAKE A START PROBABLY EARLY MAY.</p>	<p>Risby - Mrs Pat House [tree warden] 02284 810245. PAT RESPONDED IN MAY TO GUY ACKERS EARLIER LETTER OFFERING TO GET STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, REALISING THAT SHE HAD MISSED THE TRAINING SESSIONS. SHE WITH OTHERS SURVEYED THE SPECIES RICH HEDGEROWS AROUND THE PLAYING FIELD & SENT RESULTS TO GUY WHO CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SURVEY -TRYING TO RECRUIT MORE VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE A START THIS YEAR.</p>

PARISHES WHERE THERE IS NO INTEREST OR AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERTAKE SURVEY HAS FAILED

<p>Barnardiston - Mr D Price - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.</p>	<p>Barnham – Mrs Carole Youngs [parish clerk] 01842 890603 bridsonyoungs@tesco.net – January 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information NO FURTHER CONTACT</p>
<p>Barrow - Mrs Sue Houlder 01284 810074 houlder@supranet.com – January 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information. April 09. Guy Ackers e-mailed Tree Warden John Dunning. john.dunning@btinternet.com asking for support. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.</p>	<p>Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield - Mrs J.T Duchesne [parish clerk] 01284 828155 – January 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information. DID NOT RESPOND</p>
<p>Bradfield St. Clare - Nigel Pitcher 01284 763098 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.</p>	<p>Bradfield St George - Mr R Stainer – offered to coordinate in 2005 and had starter pack, BUT HAS NOT COMMUNICATED SINCE.</p>
<p>Brockley – Mr B Carpenter 01284 830387 [parish clerk] - Background material sent In January 08 & again in June for consideration by the parish council – APRIL 2010 MR CARPENTER REPORTED - DESPITE A REQUEST WHICH WAS SENT TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE PARISH WITH THE NEWSLETTER, THERE WERE NO VOLUNTEERS FORTHCOMING FOR THE HEDGEROW SURVEY AND I CANNOT UNDERTAKE IT ON MY OWN. REGRETFULLY IT CANNOT THEREFORE BE UNDERTAKEN.</p>	<p>Cavendish - Janice Brett - 01787 280443 janicebrett@tiscali.co.uk Nov. 08. - Apologies for my inaction in 08. It is high on my list of priorities for 2009 - AUG 09. GUY ACKERS ASKED FOR PROGRESS REPORT, BUT HAD NO RESPONSE. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.</p>
<p>Clare - Mrs Ailsa Jobson, [parish clerk] 01787 277559 parishclerk@clare-uk.com – April 09 Guy Ackers contacted Tree Warden Keith Mison keith.mison@tiscali.co.uk for support – he & Tony Sharp attended May 09 training event. SEPT. 09 GUY</p>	<p>Denham - David Jenvey 01379 388184 jenveywinfield@aol.com - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT</p>

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Denston - Jeff Fellows [parish chairman] 01440 820310 MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CHAIRMAN EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Euston
Fornham St. Genevieve - Mike Johnson [tree warden] mike@collierparklands.fsnet.co.uk April 09. Guy Ackers wrote to Mike for support Mike, responded that he had tried without success to interest some members of the local gardening Club - wished to be kept in the loop. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Great Barton – Adrian Graves adrian@adriangraves.org Past expressions of interest have come to nothing. Nov. 09. Adrian agreed to coordinate & get the survey under way in the spring of 2010 - would probably need some 8 to 10 surveyor volunteers. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START – LINDA HARLEY RESPONDED - AS YET WE HAVE NO VOLUNTEERS TO UNDERTAKE THE HEDGEROW SURVEY SO UNFORTUNATELY I WILL BE UNABLE TO SEND ANY VOLUNTEERS ON THE COURSE.
Great Livermere - Mrs V Waples , 01284 787178 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Great Welnetham - Mrs Wendy Beales 01284 386282 webeales@yahoo.co.uk - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Great Wratting – Linda Reading [parish chairman] - linda@jamacademy.com Sue Davies Scourfield gwyn_sue@yahoo.com - Survey should have started spring 08 June 09. Sue did not manage to get to the training in May or at Great Bradley in June. APRIL 2010 JAYNE WHITTAKER, PARISH CLERK, REPORTED - UNFORTUNATELY GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL HAVE DECIDED NOT TO JOIN IN ON THE HEDGEROW SURVEY.	Hargrave - Mrs Catherine Williams - 01284 850662 cat@catwilliams.co.uk - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Hawkedon - Mr R Jenkins 01284 789364 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Hawstead – Mrs Marilyn Bottomley [Parish Clerk] 01284 789303 marilyn.bottomley@virgin.net – Previous parish clerk in January 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information – MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Hengrave - Mrs J M Lindsay 01284 728792 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Honnington & Sapiston - Mrs L Plampin [parish clerk] 01359 269163 lynnplampin@btinternet.com – April 09. Guy Ackers e-mailed tree warden, Trevor Jay, trevor@thejays.biz for support – he asked Blackbourne Tree Group for help. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Ickworth	Ingham
Ixworth Thorpe - Nick Laughton 01359 230732 nick@root7.com NICK WHO COMPLETED IXWORTH SURVEY IN 2009 INTENDED TO SURVEY IXWORTH THORPE IN 2010, BUT THE MAJOR LANDOWNER DENIED ACCESS.	Lackford – Mr J F Saddler [parish clerk] 01284 729565 j.t.sadler@tesco.net – January 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information – NO FURTHER INFORMATION – THIS SURVEY IS UNLIKELY TO PROCEED
Little Bradley – Mr Clifton Brown [chairman] 01440 783562 - January 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information – enquired about training event at Lackford in May 09 on the morning it was taking place, but did not attend or the subsequent Thornham training. NO FURTHER INFORMATION – THIS SURVEY IS UNLIKELY TO PROCEED	Little Livermere - Ben Turner [chairman of parish meeting] 01284 728213 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CHAIRMAN EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Little Saxham – Mike Burt [chairman] mike_burt@bopenworld.com -was to be discussed by parish council in December 2007 – NO FURTHER NEWS OR RESPONSE. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO	Little Welnetham - Mrs Wendy Beales 01284 386282 webeales@yahoo.co.uk - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT

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Nowton – Carole Perry [chairman] 01284 767860 royandcarol@onetel.com - July 08 –owing to a lack of volunteers will not be undertaking the survey until 2009. MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Pakenham - Mrs Margaret Gardiner 01359 230321 pakenhamclerk@talktalk.net - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Poslingford - Mr Carpenter 01284 830387 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Rede - Mrs Angelina Johnson [Chairman of Parish Meeting] 01284 789292 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CHAIRMAN EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Rushbrooke with Rougham - Ms P. Lamb [parish clerk] 01359 233288 pmlamb@ashgreen.fsnet.co.uk - January 08 responded negatively to questionnaire & was sent basic information/encouragement – April 09 Guy Ackers contacted tree warden George Agnew for support. GUY ACKERS HAD NO RESPONSE	Stansfield - Sarah Douglas-Pennant [parish clerk] sarah.dp@btinternet.com – Parish council discussed in April 09 & did not see survey as useful, but would welcome volunteers including the Women’s Institute, from outside the parish undertaking the survey, but did not know who to contact. Wilf Garford provided contact details for adjacent WI branches. NO FURTHER INFORMATION
Stoke by Clare - Roger McKenny [tree warden] 01787 277654 – January 08 - Roger was likely to co-ordinate & was sent background information. NO FURTHER INFORMATION	Stradishall - Mrs Joanne Ince 01638 500110 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Timworth - Ben Turner [chairman of parish meeting] 01284 728213 - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CHAIRMAN EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Troston - Nigel Pitcher 01284 763098 nigel@parishcouncil.me.uk - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Whepstead - Mrs Joan Garrett [parish clerk] 01284 735654 joan.garrett@which.net - July 08. - could find no volunteers. NO FURTHER INFORMATION.	West Stowe - John Milward - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.
Westley - Mrs Carmel Plant 01284 723468 carmelplant@btinternet.com - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.	Withersfield - Mrs J Whittaker [parish clerk] 07795 007523 enquiries@admin4all.co.uk – April 08 responded to questionnaire & was sent basic information & invitation for parish council support. GUY ACKERS HAD NO RESPONSE
Wixoe – Mr D Smith [parish clerk] - 01440 785651 - was to be discussed at parish meeting in April 08 - NO RESPONSE THEN, NOR TO GUY ACKER’S LETTER SENT IN MARCH 09.	Wordwell - John Milward - MARCH 2010 GUY ACKERS WROTE TO CLERK EXPLAINING THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SURVEY TO START- UP & SENT PROMOTIONAL & BENEFITS LEAFLETS. GUY HAD NO RESPONSE.

Suffolk Hedgerow Survey – County Summary of Surveys

	Completed	Ongoing	Potential	No Survey	Totals
Babergh	24	30	5	17	76
Forest Heath	0	3	3	17	23
Mid Suffolk	28	39	34	21	122
St. Edmundsbury	14	12	8	47	81
Suffolk Coastal	69	35	6	7	117
Waveney	18	22	3	17	60
Totals	153	141	59	126	479

For Colour Coding Hedgerows on your Final Map The following notations should be used:

1 – 4 species	Red	For a removed / absent, or garden hedge please put a cross on the line ----X---
5 -7 species	Blue	
8 or more species	Green	

SURVEY COMPLETION GUIDANCE NOTES FOR CO-ORDINATORS

There are now many parish surveys approaching completion, so we thought it may be helpful to recap on what needs to be done.

[1] Make sure you have all the completed survey sheets with their appropriate territory maps.

[2] Assemble the sheets in number order

[3] Check that all the sheets have been completed correctly [especially that all trees have been ticked for species in the main survey column [usually A] as well as the **n,s,p,d** and **v** columns. Then that the structure and connections sections have been ticked and that all entries have been filled in for every sheet - recorder, parish, date, hedge number

[4] Work out the mid point grid reference. It is much easier to do this at one time, working round the map in sequence. In this way the first two or three digits often remain the same and there only needs to be a change in the last one or two for both eastings and northings. This is why we recommended that numbering of the boundaries should be done sequentially in a clock-wise direction round the parish. They also are easier to find.

[5] Add up the TOTAL number of DIFFERENT SPECIES from ALL the sample columns (if more than column A has been used), not forgetting to include any EXTRA species mentioned in the 'comments box' but **excluding bryony, hops and honeysuckle**. Any odd

hardwood 'garden' specie which may have strayed into the sample should be included.

[6] This total determines the colour code needed for the master map as follows, red for 4 or less species, blue for 5, 6 and 7 species and green for 8 or more. Using a broad tipped felt pen (a highlighter does very well) **colour the complete length of the hedgerow**, not just from where the sample was taken, or where the hedge number is written.

[7] Please remember to include sheets for 'no hedgerow' records and put a heavy black cross over the appropriate hedgerow on the map.

[8] Draw on your master map any new hedgerow the surveyor may have recorded and number it accordingly.

Please fold the map/s into A4 size which they do easily if you fold in half & then half again until you reach the A4 size and enclose in a strong envelope with the survey sheets. **DO NOT USE A CARDBOARD TUBE FOR THE MAPS.** Wherever possible please discuss collection or delivery by safe hands with Guy Ackers and only use the mail as a last resort. When mailing, it is recommended that several strips of cello tape reinforce the envelope in both directions to stop the package bursting open.

GUY ACKERS - SURVEY AUDITS AFTER COMPLETION.

As more and more surveys are being handed in following completion, it may be of interest for coordinators to hear about what actually happens during the audit process.

A few moments are spent on checking the additions after it has been seen that all trees have been also recorded as species (still a frequent error). The additions of course dictate the colour coding for the master maps. Entries in structure and connections tables are looked at to see that the surveyor has not forgotten. Use of the comments box and mid point grids are also checked.

A count is then made of the numbers of hedgerows falling within the 3 categories, namely, low count (4 or less species), medium range (5 to 7) and species rich (8 and more). This status is described as a percentage of the whole parish survey and is compared with the summation of all other parish surveys in the same peer group of **Landscape Character Assessment** types (LCA).

This was not originally a requirement of our client, but as the synergy builds between parishes and the correlation between LCA types becomes startlingly consistent, so the data is adding value to the analysis of results.

Likewise, counts are being made on a random basis from parishes in LCA types for the species frequency and bar charts are designed from this data, which again show remarkable synergy within LCA types. So much so that if a landowner were to ask about what species to plant for gap filling, new planting, etc, we are able to predict which species are most likely to succeed and which should be avoided.

We have a long way to go yet as we have data on only 155 parishes and 20,096 hedgerows so far, but when there are over 300 or more completed, then the statistics will be compelling and of even greater value to landowners, farmers, tree wardens and parish councils

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Checking Grid References Online

1. **Once on line**, put **Multimap** in the search box & click on the option for **uk mapping** [*you can make this a favourite so that you can get back to it easily*]
2. **Put in your parish name** [*for example, Grundisburgh Suffolk*] & a map will appear with a red circle in the centre of the village.
3. **Click on the option** [*at the top left of the map*] for **aerial** or **"hybrid"** if it is available.
4. **Zoom in** [*using the bar towards the right of the map, or the scroll wheel on your mouse if you have one*] so that you can identify the hedgerows & **scroll across to the one you want**. [*Just hold the left mouse button down to move the map across the screen*]
5. **Place the cursor on the centre of the hedgerow & right click** which will give you a small number of options - **choose "Place circle here"**.
6. The circle will appear on the centre of your chosen hedgerow.
7. **Now right click in the circle** and choose the option **"Move map to here"** [*the circle will now be in the centre of the map*].
8. If you then use the scroll bar to the right of the screen to move the map up a little, you will find just below the right hand side of the map **"Map Information"** including **an 8 figure grid reference for the centre of the map** & also of course **the midpoint of your hedgerow**.
9. **Repeat stages 5 to 8 for any subsequent hedgerows** [*It is not suggested that you do this for every hedgerow in their parish, but at least it can be used to confirm that you are getting the references correct*]

A PLEA FOR HELP

As more and more Hedgerow Surveys are being completed the Suffolk Biological Records Centre [SBRC] at Ipswich Museum are struggling with the workload involved in capturing the information on their Access Database and Geographical Information System [GIS].

They would welcome a computer literate volunteer to assist them with these processes and a suitable volunteer [or volunteers] will be given all the necessary training.

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