

## SUFFOLK HEDGEROW SURVEY NEWSLETTER

## WAVENEY

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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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**COMPLETED SURVEYS**

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<b>Wrentham</b>	P Oram	01502 675251			

**ONGOING SURVEYS**

<b>Barsham – Helen Drew</b> - 01986 895264 - May 09 - Helen was indisposed & her 9 volunteers were not prepared to attend training or undertake the survey without her. Only started surveying in June 09 (due to ill health) and <b>BY THE END OF 2009 THEY HAD ONLY SURVEYED 16 HEDGEROWS. ALL TOOK RATHER A LONG TIME AS THEY WERE ALL VERY SPECIES RICH AND DECIDED TO SURVEY THE ENTIRE LENGTH RATHER THAN FUSS ABOUT WITH 30 M SAMPLES - INTENDS TO RECRUIT MORE VOLUNTEERS AS SHE HAS ACCESS TO HALF THE LAND IN THE PARISH AND EXPECTS TO OBTAIN THE REST BY MAY 2010.</b>	<b>Blundeston - Barbara Shaw</b> - <a href="mailto:colin928@btinternet.com">colin928@btinternet.com</a> June 08 Survey inexplicably stopped without completion & some completed surveys may have been lost - March 09 Mike Foster offered to get Simon Philips sorted. September 09 - Only 12 hedgerows have been surveyed from a total numbered of 58 and Guy Ackers has those sheets & map extracts. <b>NOV 09 GUY ACKERS ADVISED THAT A FINAL OPPORTUNITY BE GIVEN TO RESTART THIS SURVEY &amp; SPOKE WITH BARBARA &amp; WENDY DAWSON REGARDING POSTERS FOR RECRUITMENT &amp; FURTHER LOCAL TRAINING.</b>
<b>Brampton with Stoven - R C Edwards</b> 01502 575684 Sept 09 - Survey ½ finished - but has not done much recently as his wife is disabled & he is her primary career and he also has health problems. <b>NOV 09 HOPES TO FINISH NEXT YEAR, BUT NOT SURE IF HE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO.</b>	<b>Bungay - Mrs Jasmine Lingwood</b> 01379 586020 – Nov 09 Progress on the survey here has been slow because I have been so busy and so have all the other surveyors. However, <b>I WILL MAKE SURE IT IS ALL COMPLETED AND RETURNED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.</b>
<b>Ellough &amp; Willingham - Nick Bromley</b> 01502 575660 <a href="mailto:bromleian@aol.com">bromleian@aol.com</a> <b>Sara H Wilson</b> 01502 575799 <a href="mailto:saraharriswilson@hotmail.com">saraharriswilson@hotmail.com</a> – Sept. 09 -confirmed surveying has started. <b>NOV 09 - PROGRESS SLOW.</b>	<b>Flixton - Mike Foster - 01502 730001</b> - June 08 Survey stopped without completion – completed surveys may have been lost - March 09 Mike Foster offered to get Simon Philips sorted – Only 12 hedgerows have been surveyed from a total numbered of 58 and Guy Ackers has those sheets & map extracts. <b>NOV 09 GUY ACKERS ADVISED THAT A FINAL OPPORTUNITY BE GIVEN TO RESTART THIS SURVEY &amp; IF IT DOES NOT HE WILL AUDIT THE FEW COMPLETED SHEETS WHICH HE HAS.</b>
<b>Flixton [near Bungay] Alistair Graham Kerr</b> 01502 710149 <a href="mailto:psgeditor@hotmail.com">psgeditor@hotmail.com</a> <b>NOV. 09 - FAMILY COMMITMENTS HAVE DELAYED PROGRESS, BUT WILL COMPLETE IN 2010.</b>	<b>Henstead with Hulver Street – Philip Eastwood</b> – 01502476367 <a href="mailto:louiseeastwood@hotmail.com">louiseeastwood@hotmail.com</a> – May 09 Volunteers attended training at Thornham & survey has started.- Nov. 09 has completed 4 out of the six areas, although paper work not done as yet - hopes to get that done over winter and will chase up the other 2 areas. <b>JAN 2010 ASKED FOR AND WAS GIVEN ADVICE ON CHECKING GRID REFERENCES ON INTERNET.</b>
<b>Holton – Jim Watts</b> - 01986 835752 <b>SEPT. 09 – HAS SPLIT THE MAP INTO 3 - AND NUMBERED ALL THE HEDGES - AND ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE GOT OFF TO SLOW START THEY ARE STILL VERY KEEN. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH SURVEY WORK HAS BEEN DONE.</b>	<b>Ilketshall St John - Mr Trevor Boon</b> – 01986 781378 April 09. Parish clerk <b>Lynne Morton</b> - sorry but has no time to help with the hedgerow survey as she can hardly fulfil her role as the clerk due to lack of time - Trevor Boon has however volunteered as a surveyor. <b>NOV. 09. PROGRESSING AND KNOWS SEVERAL LANDOWNERS.</b>
<b>Ilketshall St Lawrence Mr. P. Deakin</b> [Parish Clerk] 001986 781218 - May 09. - expected to get going as soon as the leaves are fully out. & felt the number of hedgerows should be within their scope. <b>NOV. 09 STILL PROGRESSING SHOULD BE FINISHED NEXT YEAR.</b>	<b>Lound – John Burford</b> [parish clerk] 01502 733135 <a href="mailto:john.burford@tesco.net">john.burford@tesco.net</a> Dec. 09. – Guy Ackers has maps and 30 completed survey forms - Chris James put to parish council that half the work has been done & that it should be completed - some previous surveyors & some new one agreed to continue & complete survey next year. <b>JAN 2010 RITA FLATT &amp; PETER LARCOMBE HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP COMPLETE SURVEY. JUNE 2010 SLOW PROGRESS.</b>

<p><b>Oulton - Ivan Levett</b> [tree warden] <a href="mailto:ivan.levett@talktalk.net">ivan.levett@talktalk.net</a>  <b>SEPT 09 - THE HEDGEROW SURVEY STARTED WELL IN MAY WITH AN INITIAL WANDER TO PLOT ALL HEDGEROWS IN THE PARISH. I WAS THEN GOING TO PLOT AND NUMBER EACH ONE AND START THE SURVEY PROPER. HOWEVER TIME AND LACK OF EXPERTISE IN MY HELPERS HAS SLOWED THIS DOWN. I INTEND SHORTLY TO RUN SOME TRAINING SESSIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS ON TREE AND SHRUB ID AND SURVEYING METHODS, BUT GETTING DATES TO GET TOGETHER IS PROVING DIFFICULT. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH SURVEY WORK, IF ANY, HAS BEEN DONE</b></p>	<p><b>South Elmham All Saints &amp; St Nicholas &amp; St Michael &amp; St Peter - Etienne Swarts</b> - 01986 782 396  <a href="mailto:Etienne.swarts@tiscali.co.uk">Etienne.swarts@tiscali.co.uk</a> Aug 09. Estimated that roughly 100% of St Michael, 25% of All Saints, 25% of St Nicholas and 10% of St Peter was done. By the end of this season I think All Saints, St Nicholas and St Peter would stand at 50% complete which should leave enough time next year to wrap these up. <b>NOV. 09 STILL GOING WELL.</b></p>
<p><b>South Elmham St Cross - Mrs Libby Ffrench-Mullen</b>  01986 782230 <a href="mailto:ffrenchmullen@hotmail.com">ffrenchmullen@hotmail.com</a> – Aug 09. We made a good start of to the surveying season but have had a "quiet" period due to health problems &amp; other commitments We hope to have a spurt now and get more done. At the last count we had about 100 hedgerows left to survey, so we certainly anticipate finishing next season - have had good cooperation from landowners and it's been good fun for us! Nov. 09 - still going well. <b>JUNE 2010 GOING WELL - HAVE JUST RECEIVED MORE SURVEY FORMS.</b></p>	<p><b>Sotterley - Sara H Wilson</b> 01502 575799  <a href="mailto:saraharriswilson@hotmail.com">saraharriswilson@hotmail.com</a> - Progress is slow, but progress there is. There are a huge number of hedges and nobody seems to want to help! We do hope to finish in 2010. – Nov 09 Still progressing slowly. <b>MARCH 2010 WE WILL BE TRYING TO COMPLETE SURVEY THIS YEAR, BUT WE HAVE MANY HEDGES TO DO.</b></p>
<p><b>Wangford with Henham - Michael Ryland</b> - 01502 578053  <a href="mailto:michaelryland@btinternet.com">michaelryland@btinternet.com</a> – Nov 08. - had difficulties in keeping the project going. Too few people willing to do the work. <b>NOV 09 PROGRESS HAS BEEN VERY SLOW DUE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS, ACCIDENTS &amp; VOLUNTEERS MOVING AWAY.</b></p>	<p><b>Westhall - Dr Jane Shotter</b> 01502 575364 – Aug 09. Surveying going well on public access hedgerows and everyone enjoying the process - is exhibiting in the Best Village competition about the survey in the parish and project and expects to raise the profile even further - is emphasising the community spirit factor, – <b>NOV 09 SLOW PROGRESS.</b></p>
<p><b>Wissett - Ms Emma Flaxman</b> 01986 780983  <a href="mailto:emmaflaxman@hotmail.co.uk">emmaflaxman@hotmail.co.uk</a> – Sept 09 - We're all still on it, although this summer has proved a little busy for most of us so we've not had the same momentum as last year! Saying that we're about 3/4 done and plan to make a real push in the coming weeks – nov. 09. - have done very well - some need finishing off, but should be complete next year. <b>JUNE 2010 HAVE JUST RECEIVED MORE SURVEY FORMS.</b></p>	

#### POTENTIAL SURVEYS

<p><b>Carlton Colville - Jan Leech</b> - 01502 568106  <a href="mailto:j_leech@SoftHome.net">j_leech@SoftHome.net</a> Previous volunteer coordinator <b>Terry Merry</b> was sent basic information in spring 2007, but did not respond to e-mails in June 08 or Sept 09. <b>APRIL 2010 JAN OFFERED TO TAKE ON SURVEY. MAY 2010 HOPE TO START SURVEYS VERY SOON AND THEN WE SHALL HAVE MORE IDEA OF HOW MUCH TIME WILL BE INVOLVED TO COMPLETE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING A START.</b></p>	<p><b>Frostenden - Anelphine Mason-Brown</b> – April 09. Fiona McKeown has spoken with Anelphine &amp; will help her once she has finished Lowestoft. <b>NOV 09 - FIONA MCKEOWN AGREED TO HELP WITH THIS SURVEY IN THE SPRING OF 2010 FROM PUBLIC FOOTPATHS.</b></p>
<p><b>Mettingham - Gillian &amp; Philip Evans</b> 01986 895113 – Jan. 09 - neither the parish council nor major landowners wish to take part, but Gillian &amp; Philip have agreed with one major landowner &amp; should be able to start this year. <b>NOV. 09. - HOPED TO START IN SPRING 2010!</b></p>	

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

<p><b>Benacre</b> - has confirmed that parish is not interested in undertaking the survey which is largely covered by the Benacre estate. <b>THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b></p>	<p><b>Blyford</b> –Mrs. Coral de Hailes, Parish Clerk <a href="http://www.blyford-sotherton-parishcouncil.co.uk">www.blyford-sotherton-parishcouncil.co.uk</a> Coordinator had to withdraw for health reasons in spring 2008 – March 09 – at recent PC meeting all agreed it was a worthwhile survey, "none felt suitably qualified to help". <b>NOV 09 – NO RESPONSE TO POSTERS, OR INFORMATION ON PARISH WEBSITE. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE COMPLETED.</b></p>
<p><b>Covehithe</b> – the late Major Sir. T. Gooch 02502 675266 – as major landowner did not wish to participate in the survey. <b>THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b></p>	<p><b>Gisleham</b> parish council originally indicated it did not wish to participate, but was believed to be reconsidering. <b>NOV. 09. STILL NO INTEREST. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b></p>
<p><b>Homersfield</b> - [St Mary South Elmham] <b>Bill Bowden</b> originally interested in 2005, but by June 08, although keen had made no progress - <b>NOV 09. NO INTEREST FROM THE PARISH - THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b></p>	<p><b>Kessingland - Barry Burden</b> [tree warden] <a href="mailto:barryc.burden@btinternet.com">barryc.burden@btinternet.com</a> - volunteered at Guy Ackers Tree Warden talk. April 09. – Guy offered any further help &amp; advice required. <b>NOV 09. - STILL NO INTEREST FROM EITHER THE TREE WARDEN OR PARISH CLERK - THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b></p>
<p><b>Ilketshall St Margaret - Mrs Z. Rawlings</b> [parish clerk]</p>	<p><b>Rumburgh - Caroline Cardwell</b> [Parish Clerk] 01986 781 349</p>

01986 781583 – Survey started June 08 – <b>NOV. 09 - DESPITE NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS IN PARISH MEETING &amp; PUBLICITY MATERIAL NO UPTAKE - SO UNFORTUNATELY WILL NOT BE DOING SURVEY. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN. [WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WORK UNDERTAKEN IN 2008?]</b>	<a href="mailto:carolinecardwell@hotmail.com">carolinecardwell@hotmail.com</a> – asked Guy Ackers to do presentation at annual parish meeting in May 08 – but did not follow up with date. <b>NOV. 09. STILL NO RESPONSE - LAST CONTACT SEPT 08. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>
<b>Shadingfield – Nov. 08 - Helen Bynum</b> 01502 575410 <a href="mailto:helen1bynum@fsmail.net">helen1bynum@fsmail.net</a> Nothing had happened since 2005 & prospective volunteers did not materialise & coordinator did not have sufficient time to devote to project. <b>IN JUNE 08. IT WAS CLAIMED SURVEY HAD STARTED, BUT NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE - NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>	<b>Shipmeadow - Mrs P.A. Harris</b> - expressed interest in the survey & Guy Ackers sent basic information early in 2008 – <b>SEPT 09. THE PARISH HAVE BROUGHT IT UP IN THEIR MEETINGS AND PUT ADVERTS ABOUT IT IN THEIR NEWSLETTERS BOTH LAST MARCH &amp; APRIL BUT NO-ONE INTERESTED - SO MRS SMITH [parish clerk] SAYS UNFORTUNATELY AND REGRETTABLY THEY WILL HAVE TO DECLINE AND NOT TAKE PART IN THE SURVEY. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>
<b>Sotherton - Mrs. Coral de Hailes</b> [Parish Clerk] 01502 578048 <a href="mailto:coral.dehailes@blyford-sotherton-parishcouncil.co.uk">coral.dehailes@blyford-sotherton-parishcouncil.co.uk</a> - Coordinator had to withdraw for health reasons in spring 2008 – March 09 – at recent PC meeting all agreed it was a worthwhile survey, "none felt suitably qualified to help". <b>NOV 09 – NO RESPONSE TO POSTERS, OR INFORMATION ON PARISH WEBSITE. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>	<b>South Cove – Nov 08.</b> - was advertising for volunteers from the 19 residents in the village, but had no support. <b>THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>
<b>South Elmham St James - Christine Smith</b> 01986 782200 – Dec 08. - Thought the survey was a good idea, but can't get it done on her own – may be hoping this parish could be taken on by surveyors from South Elmham St. Michael. <b>NOV. 09. NO RESPONSE FROM PARISH COUNCIL OR TREE WARDEN TO EMAILS SENT IN SEPTEMBER OR NOVEMBER. Worlingham - Trevor Knights</b> - [tree warden] - 01502 711609 -April 09. No longer parish chairman & will resume as coordinator. <b>NOV. 09. NO INTEREST IN SURVEY - NO RESPONSE FROM PC WHICH WAS CONTACTED IN SEPTEMBER. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>	<b>South Elmham St Margaret – Nov. 08.</b> Parish clerk wished to be taken off contacts list. <b>NOV. 09. UNFORTUNATELY NO-ONE INTERESTED. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>
<b>Spexhall - Mr J, Hobday</b> 01986 873091 – Oct 08 has had difficulty in getting recruits – Guy Ackers sent promotional posters & letter of encouragement. <b>NOV. 09. NO INTEREST IN SURVEY THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>	<b>Uggeshall - Mr H R Cuerden</b> 01502 578619 <a href="mailto:tonycuerden@btinternet.com">tonycuerden@btinternet.com</a> June 08 -was making progress and thought most would be done that summer <b>NOV. 09 DID NOT RESPOND TO PHONE MESSAGES LEFT ASKING FOR PROGRESS REPORT. THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN STRUGGLING SINCE 2004 &amp; WILL NOT BE COMPLETED.</b>
<b>Worlingham - Trevor Knights</b> - [tree warden] - 01502 711609 -April 09. No longer parish chairman & will resume as coordinator. <b>NOV. 09. NO INTEREST IN SURVEY - NO RESPONSE FROM PC WHICH WAS CONTACTED IN SEPTEMBER. THIS SURVEY WILL NOT BE UNDERTAKEN.</b>	

### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>479</b>

**ONLY A FEW COORDINATORS LET US KNOW HOW THEY ARE PROGRESSING THAT IS WHY THE INFORMATION RELATING TO MANY SURVEYS IS 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 COORDINATORS INVOLVED.**

**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.

**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 let 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*]

**For Colour Coding Hedgerows on your Final Map, the following notations should be used:**

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

## 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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## 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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