

Annex 2

The Hendreds Trial Site- An example of a collaborative trial between Parish and County Council

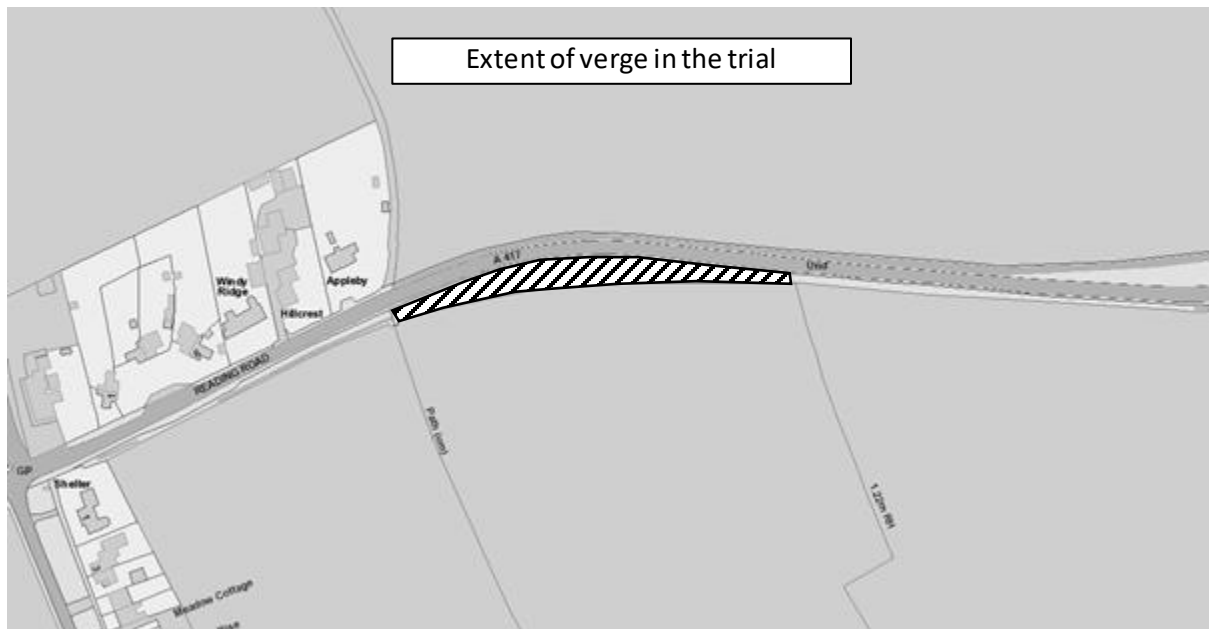
The location for the trial was identified and progressed in liaison with a volunteer group from The Hendreds during the early part of 2022.

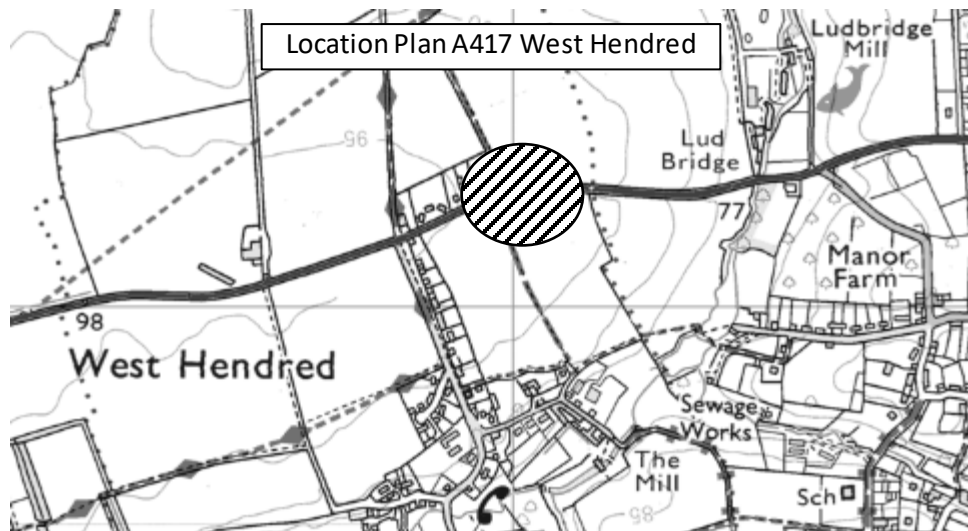
Following discussions and liaison with local adjacent landowners and our OCC (Oxfordshire County Council) Environmental and Ecology Team, work began to prepare the location in March 2022. This work included litter picking, measuring the space, soil testing and doing air pollution measurements, and was undertaken by local scouts and volunteers from the Hendreds Environmental Group (HEG). The area was then cut and scarified ready for suitable planting and seeding.

All works were given OCC approval, undertaken under supervision and have been risk assessed and with the appropriate third-party insurance in place. All litter-picking has been prearranged for collection with Biffa / Grundon and the site approved by the proprietor at the Hare for collection

Plans are in place for monitoring, measurements and identifying hemlock and ragwort over the coming months to ensure they are pulled / strim.

The scheme is an experiment, and a group of volunteers will draw up monthly roster to walk the area - photograph - check and document - it will be evaluated in autumn 2023. A planted species list was sent to the ecology team following the seeding





In addition to the Hendreds Experiment, three 'cut and collect' trial sites on roadside verge nature reserves totalling nearly 13000 m² of verge have been undertaken over the last two financial years, costs identified as part of this process equate to approximately £6k per annum giving an approximate additional cost of £0.50 per metre sq of highway verge. The ecological benefits of this approach are being monitored

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