

HIGHLEY VILLAGE – Parish: South Shropshire

Development of a Parish based bespoke nature recovery plan

Background

Highley is a large village with 2888 on the electorate based in South Shropshire. A bespoke Parish Nature Recovery plan being developed by the Parish Council Environmental Group to support the Local Nature Recovery Strategy in Shropshire.

- The plan will include
 - ✓ opportunity mapping
 - ✓ development of a village map identifying nature recovery initiative undertaken
- We have surveyed
 - ✓ What people have already done (Hedges, verges, ponds, wildflower gardens, bird boxes, tree nursery, mini orchard)
 - ✓ What people might do

Key Champions	Initiative	Outcomes
Parish Council, Environmental Working Group, Clerk Volunteer Residents	<p>Following attendance of the Local Nature Recovery Sessions – the group requested trees from the Woodland Trust and analysed suitable planting areas.</p> <p>Permission was gained from the landowners and long-term maintenance plans created.</p> <p>Tree-Planting was carried out during April 2025 in two locations and will be monitored moving forward.</p> <p>The aim was to encourage interest in nature across village community in preparation for Nature Recovery work here</p>	<p>2023</p> <p>Environmental Working Group formed.</p> <p>2024</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Residents of the village joined the Environmental Working Group sharing their expertise. Hedgerow Survey carried out in 1997 analysed by group No Mow May signed up for by the PC Litter Picking Project as part of Great British Litter Pick Nature Recovery workshop attended by the group. <p>2025</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tree-Planting project started. Areas designated. Annual Carnival – Eco area designated for building bird boxes, repair cafe, promoting nature to the residents and children of the village.