

# Our impact 2020 - 2025

May 2025



## TFF background

Trees for Farms started in late 2019 on a mission to work with farmers to identify boundary fences that would benefit from hedgerow creation.

## Our mission

Our goal is to:

- Tackle climate change
- Improve local biodiversity
- Provide a social activity

## What we do

We work with farmers and landowners in the Swale area to plant and maintain new hedges using the help of local volunteers.



# Why do we plant trees?

Since the 1970s, we have lost **nearly half** of our biodiversity – the plant, animal, fungi and bacteria communities that underpin our entire ecosystem - making the UK **one of the least biodiverse countries** globally.

The UK has only **13 per cent tree cover**, one of the lowest levels in Europe. And **only half** of that is currently native broadleaf.

A single mature oak tree supports thousands of species – from multiple levels of the food chain – making it an ecosystem in itself. Planting more trees creates the habitats for biodiversity to return.

*From TCV, The Conservation Volunteers*

Around  
**118,000**  
miles of hedgerows have  
disappeared since **1950**

## HEDGEROWS HELP TO:

Capture & lock up carbon & help slow  
climate warming

Reduce flooding

Prevent soil erosion

Provide a physical home & food for  
many species

Make a major contribution to  
biodiversity



# Since 2020 we have...

Planted around **2 km** of hedge  
made up of **20 native species**



Organised almost **100** planting  
and maintenance days each  
attended by **5-15 volunteers**



Worked with **7 farms** at **10 sites**



Planted over **10,200 trees**



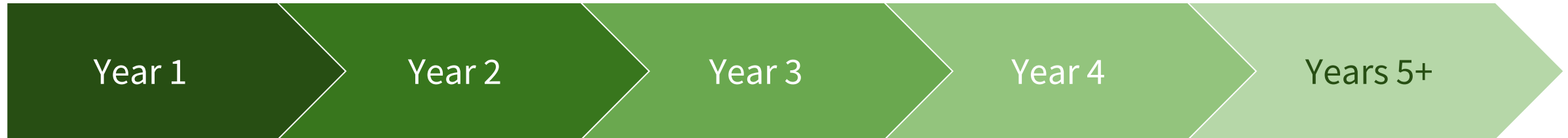
Secured **£2,000** in funding



Hosted **3 social evenings** and **one farm walk**



# How we create successful hedgerows



## Year 1

### Planting

Hedge planted

## Years 2 – 4

### Maintenance

Regular checks and weeding

Apply woodchip mulch

Pruning and watering

## Year 5+

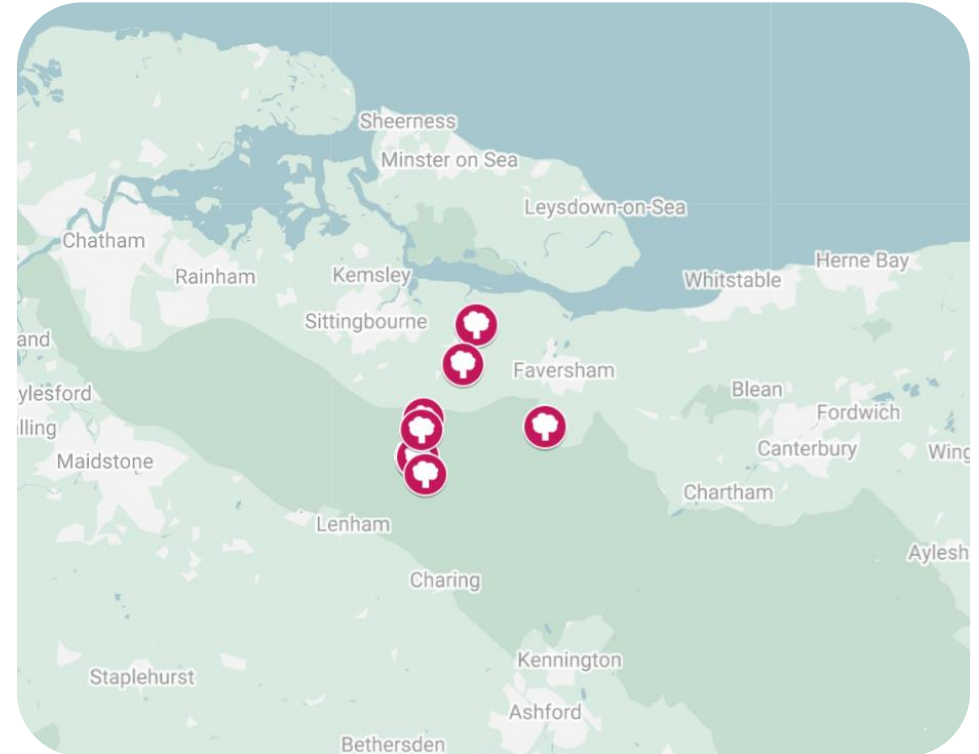
### Self-sustaining

Regular checks



# Where we have planted

<b>Teynham</b>	Teynham Court Farm
	Newlands Farm
<b>Doddington</b>	Palace Farm
	Down Court – Frangbury (2 sites)
	Down Court – Temple Farm
	Rose Farm
<b>Ospringe</b>	Plumford Farm



2021



2024



2025



Palace Farm



Planted 2021  
100m planted  
555 trees planted



Palace Farm

## Summer hedge management



Palace Farm

2021



2023



2025



Plumford Farm



Plumford Farm



Weed control and wood chip mulching in 2023

2022



2023



2025



Newlands Farm



Planted 2022  
370m planted  
1,830 trees planted

Newlands Farm





Newlands Farm

2022



2022



2025



Down Court Farm – Frangbury 1

2023



2023



2025



Planted 2023  
90m planted  
510 trees planted

Down Court Farm – Frangbury 2

2024



2024



2025



Planted 2024  
163m planted  
855 trees planted

Down Court Farm – Temple Farm



# Get involved

We share updates and opportunities to get involved through our website, newsletter and WhatsApp group. Get in touch to sign up!



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