

WELSHAMPTON & LYNEAL PARISH COUNCIL

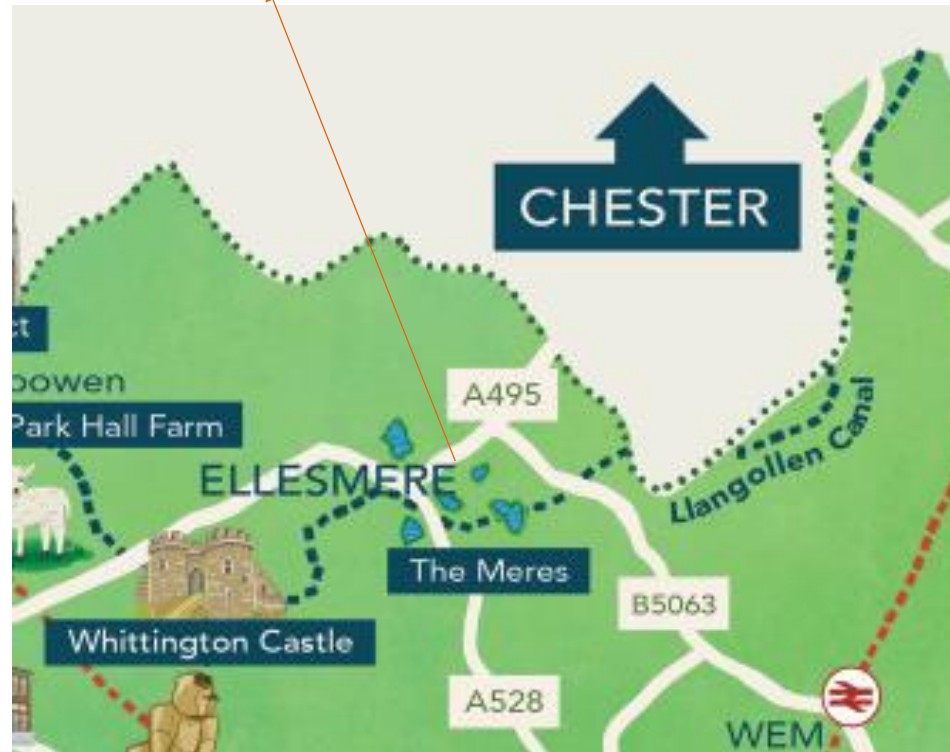
Restoring Shropshire Verges Project - North
Shropshire



WHERE ARE WE?



Welshampton and Lyneal sit at the very top of Shropshire in the very special 'meres and mosses' area. Rich in natural heritage with glacial meres and peat bogs surrounding us



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On a sunny Saturday we all met in the centre of the village (at the pub) and walked for several hours making notes of potential locations, safety considerations and current state of the verges



We noticed something immediately - on the back lanes and less populated areas of the village, the verges were actually very diverse - this is 'Lyneal Lane' which links Welshampton and Lyneal together.

However! Each time we got closer to civilisation, the verges were the monoculture, scalped nature depleted verges which Janet had described.

DISCOVERY



UNPOPULAR OPINION



Despite leaving a visibility/safety strip around the edge, and the grass only being about one foot high, we received complaints that the verge was 'scruffy and dangerous'

We wrote multiple articles throughout the year in our Parish Newsletter explaining what we are doing, and yet still had demands to cut the grass.

So, what did we do?



TAKE TWO!

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Oncoming vehicles in middle of road

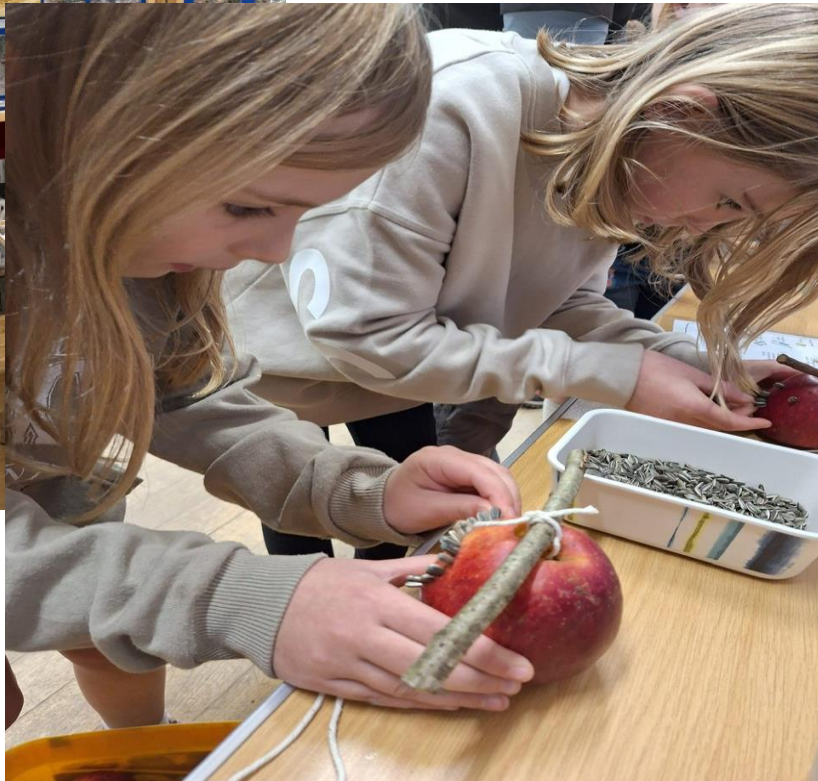
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