



# Biodiversity Action Across Teignbridge Parishes

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## Dunsford

## Boundary Hedge at St. Mary's Church

In Dunsford churchyard, there was an existing boundary bank that had been neglected for some time. Although a few trees and shrubs were already present, it was decided that planting berry and nut-producing saplings along the bank could improve the habitat as part of an effort to increase the overall biodiversity within the churchyard.

Over time, the new saplings will increase food availability for wildlife in the area and create more nesting sites for the local bird population.



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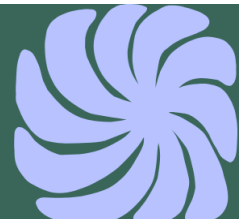




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### Who Was Involved

The project was organised by Parish Wildlife Wardens and the “Greening the Church” group, with support from the Parish Council and the Dunsford Climate Initiative Group.

- A team of six volunteers cleared the area of ivy and brambles
- Seven volunteers planted saplings
- Surveys were done by volunteers to assess the impact of the improved habitat

### Costs

An application was made to the **Woodland Trust** for a **free community tree pack**. There were no further costs for this project.

### Benefits and Outcomes

The aim of restoring and improving the hedge bank was part of an overall plan to enhance biodiversity around the church by creating more habitats. Other initiatives included creating a pond and building bug hotels.

A bird survey conducted two years ago recorded little bird life in the area, but a repeat survey this year recorded many different bird species suggesting a possible upward trend.

### Action

Are there any hedges or boundaries within the parish that could be restored or enhanced with the benefit of wildlife in mind?



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