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PICTURES: Hedgerow Heroes hard at work in Sussex

Volunteers help to plant 10,000 trees to create new wildlife corridors.

Volunteers of all ages have been hard at work planting new hedgerows on the Manhood Peninsula.

Two kilometres of hedgerow – around 10,000 trees – are being planted in Ham, Sidlesham, as part of the latest Hedgerow Heroes project. The project is being run by CPRE Sussex in partnership with the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group.

CPRE Sussex director Paul Steedman said: “Hedgerows are a win-win-win for the countryside. They create vital wildlife corridors, lock up carbon and create beautiful landscapes. They are particularly important on the Manhood Peninsula because the low-lying land is windswept and the hedges provide vital shelter for wildlife and plants. Thank you to everyone who has already joined us at planting events.”

The Sussex project is part of a nationwide CPRE Hedgerow Heroes initiative running across England. Planting is taking place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until mid-March, depending on the wetness of the soil.

Mr Steedman added: “We are going to need lots of help to reach our goal of 2km of hedgerow, but this project will make a huge difference to our natural environment here in Sussex. As well as the heavy work of digging holes, we also have lighter jobs including putting in the trees, stakes and guards. I hope many more people will be inspired to become Hedgerow Heroes in the new year.”

[Find out more about how to sign up to become a Hedgerow Hero here.](#)

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CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.