



Hickson Hedgerows is 3 years old

And we have: -

Planted 3 'Tai Haku' Flowering Cherries donated by West Berks Council to commemorate those who passed during the Covid years

Planted over 5000 Bulbs, Crocus daffodils bluebells, fritillaries, tulips, snowdrops, wood anemones, scillas, Winter aconites, muscari

Created and subsequently trimmed a Laid Hedge, with the help of NEWT (Newbury Environment and Wildlife team)

Created 2 Dead Hedges

Planted the Platinum Jubilee Orchard - two apple, two pear, plum, medlar, green gage and a Mulberry tree, & acquired labels

Created and maintained 2 Flower borders
from donated plants and bulbs

Created a Wildflower border with the help of local children

Built a Bug hotel, with 'under fives' and local school children

Installed 5 Bird boxes

Planted 140 Native Hedgerow whips

to create an Ecotone between the balancing pond and grassland

Held an Open day as part of the Lambourn Valley green weekend

Mown pathways through the grass

Installed a bird bath

Sown yellow rattle seeds x2 Autumn sowings

The project was named in tribute to Lister & Jean Hickson's contribution to the village. It has zero budget, & everything has been donated, & is maintained by volunteers. The agreement drawn up by West Berks Council & supported by Shefford Parish Council was passed in February 2022. It allows the Hickson Hedgerows group of residents to carry out specific agreed activities to enhance two areas of grassed council land for the benefit of local people and wildlife. However, responsibility for mowing remains with West Berks Council and the first 'hay cut', is to be undertaken between mid-July & the end of August and the second cut in October.

Thank you to all who have supported this project.

