

# Mission accomplished

with grateful thanks to our **Hedgerow Heroes**

The last planting\*\* was at Springhill Farm in January, completing the job started last winter on the farm. An amazing 330 metres were planted this season mostly renovating existing hedges.



Preparing the ground in January



Starting planting in February

As usual, the weather for both the very important, ground preparation and the planting was pretty dire but we are all confident it will be worth the effort in years to come. We know that hedgerows are vital as wildlife corridors, habitats for birds and insects, in preventing soil erosion, providing shade – and in other ways.



Planting continues, totaling 330 metres...



Job done - thanks to all involved!

# The Hedgerow Heroes Project

## More than 6,500 trees planted in Milton - were you there?

Facts about the Milton Hedgerow Heroes project funded by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) via Wild Oxfordshire;

- more than 6,500 trees mostly planted in appallingly cold, wet and windy weather – sometimes several inches of mud
- in the 16 months between November 2024 and February 2026
- in several different locations - farms, a public open space, the churchyard, and school grounds
- nine native tree varieties included - field maple, hazel, cherry, hawthorn, crab apple, holly, blackthorn, guelder rose and wayfarer
- with support from members of the general public and, crucially, from the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens and the Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers to whom an *especially big thank you*
- support from younger and older members of the community – under 10 to over 80 years of age
- and consuming an unknown number of tins of Cadbury Heroes, cookies and coffees.

Thanks to all involved in this superb achievement from Milton Parish Council and BMAG (Milton Biodiversity Monitoring and Action Group);

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\*\* with the exception of some 100 trees being planted by the children at Wychwood Primary School; a report on this great project will follow.