

Get your hedgerows surveyed for free

Hedgerows are massively understudied, and while there is some data available, it often doesn't contain information about biodiversity or the condition of the hedge. Healthy biodiverse hedgerows support hundreds of different species and provide natural wildlife corridors through our countryside. But only 20% of English hedgerows are in good condition, with many disappearing due to lack of management. To combat this we're starting a new hedgerow survey scheme. We are looking for landowners who would like their hedgerows surveyed by trained volunteers. All the data we collect will be shared with you, and by taking part you agree to let us use the data ourselves, and share it with our partner organisations. It could help unlock more funding and action for hedge habitats.

How it works

Step 1: Contact us

To have your hedgerows surveyed, email your name, address, phone number, and if possible a map of the farm's hedgerows, to naomi.walker@fld.org.uk.

Step 2: Introduction to your volunteer surveyor

Once you've registered your interest, you will be paired up with a trained local volunteer who will carry out the survey.

Step 3: Set a date and time for the survey

You and the volunteer decide on a date and time for them to do the survey. They will only access your land on pre-agreed survey days.

Step 6: Data can be used as evidence

The hedgerow survey data can be used to prove success of management practices, show key biodiversity information, provide info on the current health of your hedges, and identify areas for improvement.

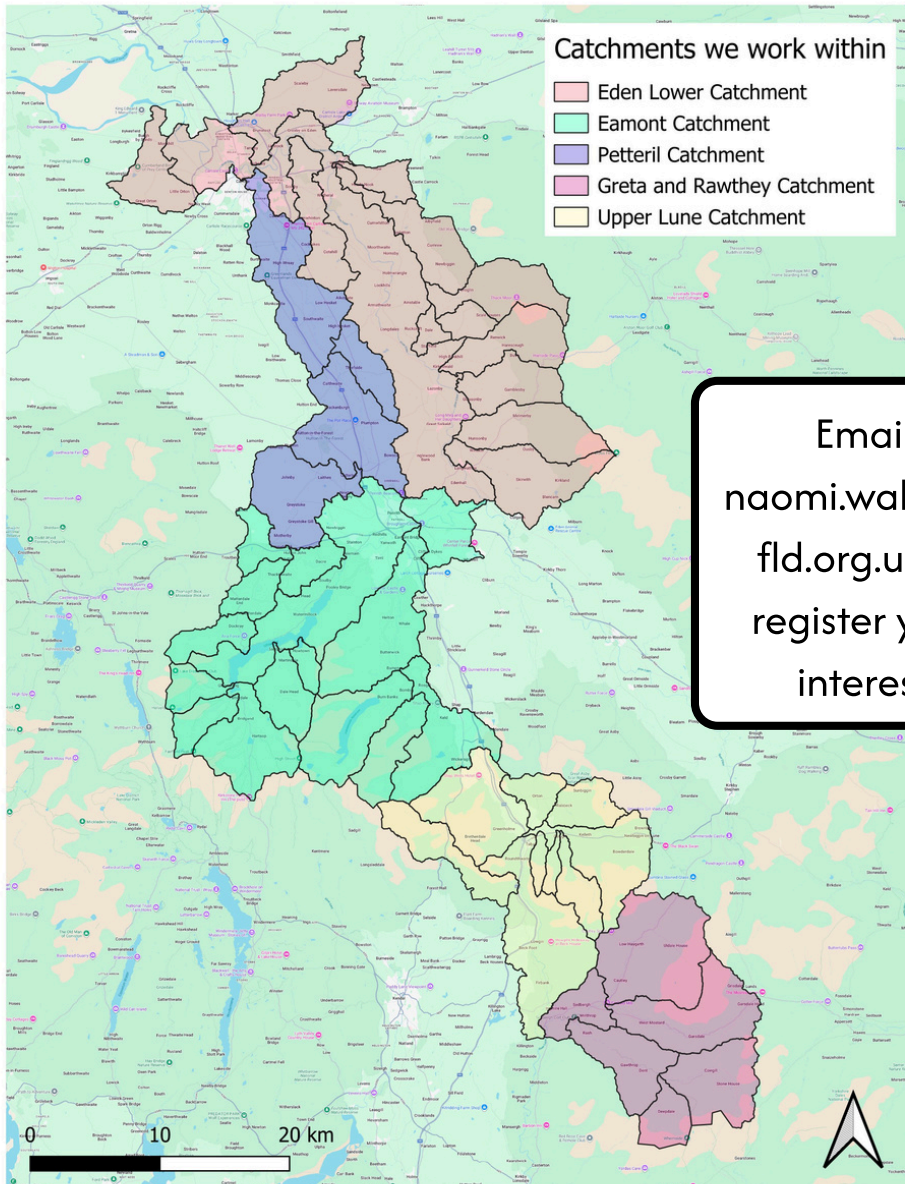
Step 5: We share the data with CBDC

When we receive the survey results, we'll import them into GIS mapping software. When we have mapped all the hedges surveyed, we'll pass this info to Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre.

Step 4: Volunteer shares the survey results

When completed, the volunteer will share the survey results with us, and you. Survey results include info on the structure of hedge, trees and other species in the hedge, and management recommendations.





Email
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register your
interest

We can also fund hedgerow planting, laying, and restoration

1 Identify opportunities
We can fund new hedgerow planting, hedgerow laying, and hedgerow gapping up/coppicing in our working area (see map).



2 Site visit
We agree a date and time for an in-person site visit.

3 Sign a contract
After a site visit, when both parties are happy, we'll send you a contract detailing the work to be done to be signed by the owner/manager.



4 Work begins!
Once the contract has been signed we order any materials we need and set a date to get started!

5 Monitoring
After the work is complete, we'll visit periodically over the next two years to check the hedge's health, growth, and to do a survey.



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