



# Empowering Communities

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# Background

- Vision - abundant and diverse nature
- Empower local groups to continue to take action in their local communities
- Builds on previous SWT project
- Pilot 1 year project – see what works, build links, gather info to apply for funding

# Empowering Communities Aims



- Connect with local environmental groups
- Co-creating solutions with local people
- Solutions that are sustainable in the long term
- Creating a network between groups and opportunity to learn from each other
- Involve everyone from within a community


# What support we can offer

- Biodiversity advice
  - SBIC Evaluation summary
  - Link with landowners/stakeholders
  - Ecology Services surveys & management plans
  - SBIC volunteer recorders
  - Biodiversity advice, such as tree planting

# What support we can offer

- Wildlife gardening
  - Encourage residents to engage with nature
  - Create wildlife corridors through the parish
  - Provide wildlife gardening advice
  - Wildlife Gardening Awards

# Other ways we can help

- Hedgerow Heritage
  - Support to approach local issues
  - Help to establish a volunteer group
  - Provide training
  - Fundraising support
  - Local groups network
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- A group of approximately ten people of various ages are gathered in a field of tall, dry grass and yellow wildflowers. Some are standing in the background, while others are sitting or kneeling in the foreground. The background shows a line of trees with sparse, yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and outdoorsy.