

Henfield Tanyard hedge restoration

Tanyard Field Management Plan 2026 – 2030

- In winter trim the inner faces of boundary hedges in sections on a two- or three-year rotation (depending on growth rates) to create good quality edge habitat within the field.
- Newly laid hedges along the northern edge of Tanyard field and the short length of new hedge near the amenity area will not need any management in the short-term but will eventually need incremental cutting to maintain them at an appropriate height and promote dense growth.
- Restore and enhance the eastern boundary. Remove the parallel planting outside the boundary ditch in the north to rationalise the line of this hedgerow. Remove potentially invasive shrubs and gap up the remaining hedge with mixed native shrubs along the boundary of the Tanyard field.
- Lay the resultant eastern boundary hedgerow if it has sufficient growth and renew/replace its stock-proof fencing. Manage by rotational and incremental cutting to maintain a more manageable size and avoid any future problems with the overhead power-line.
- Engage with the local Scouts for partnership working on the footpath/hedgerow restoration project.

Figure 1 Ecologist's recommendations.



Figure 2 25m section of hedge



Figure 3 18m section of hedge

The intent is to remove both sections of hedge as pictures (43m overall) in order to more effectively manage the remaining and original hedge. The remaining hedge is to be replanted where required before being re-laid. The intent is to improve the ecological value of the site but the removal of the hedge will also improve access to the non-statutory footpath.

