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Great Big Dorset Hedge
Project**

**Facilitating the restoration and extension of hedgerows
the length & breadth of Dorset**



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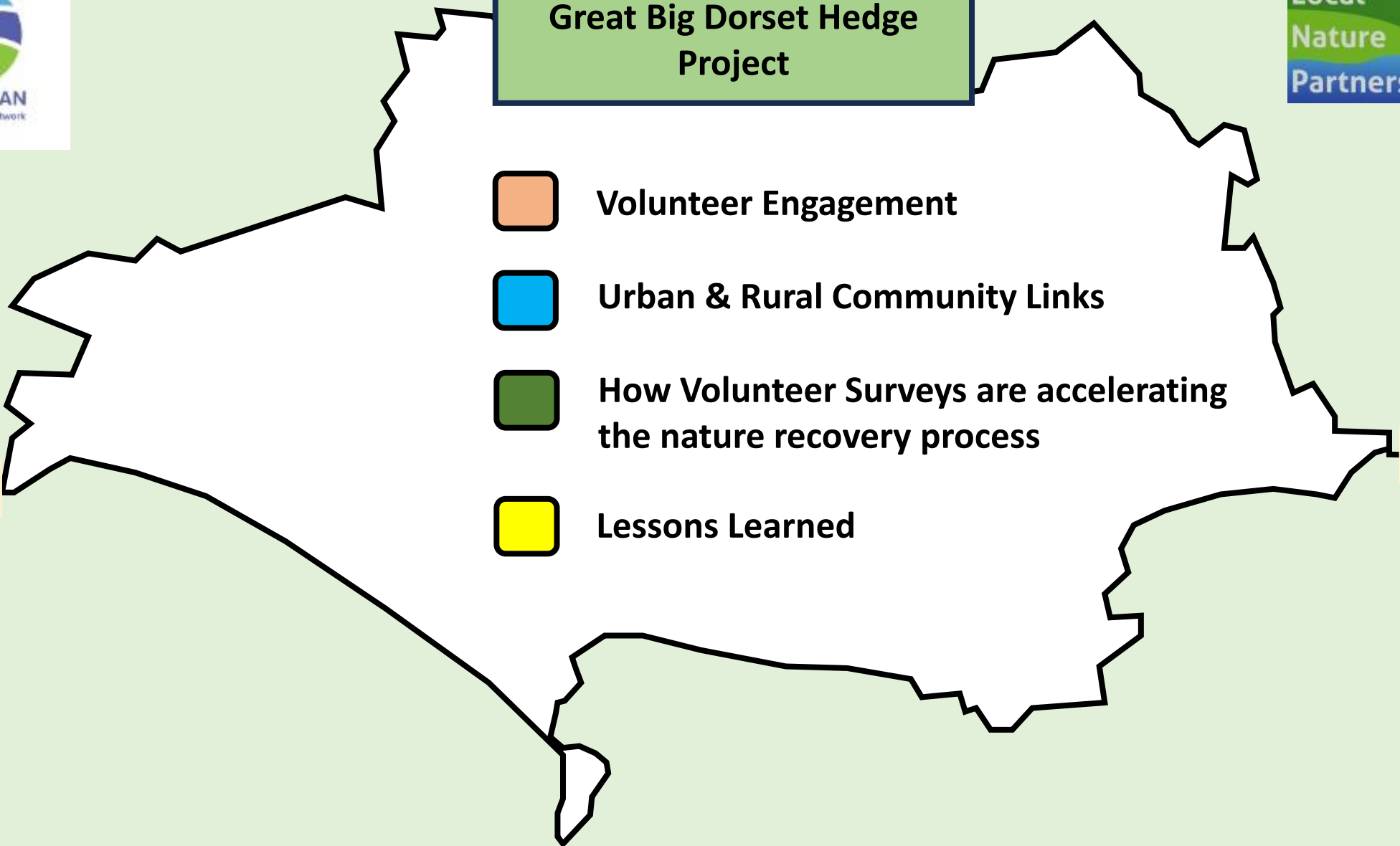
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**“Hedgerows are probably the single
most important ecological building block
that we have in the farmed landscape”**

George Eustice, Jan 2022



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Volunteer Engagement



Urban & Rural Community Links



How Volunteer Surveys are accelerating the nature recovery process



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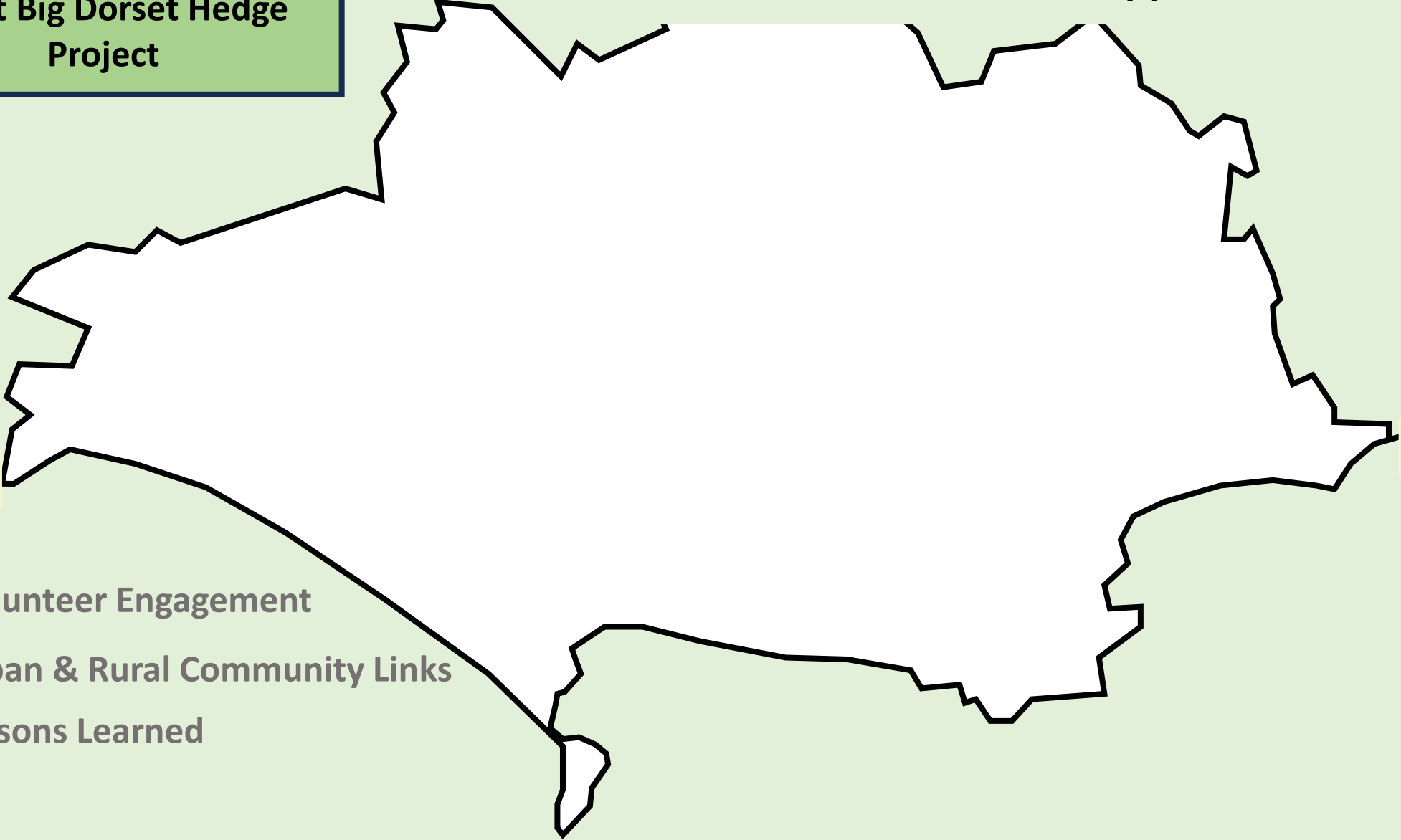
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Environmental Land Management Scheme

The farm funding revolution

Basic Payment Scheme



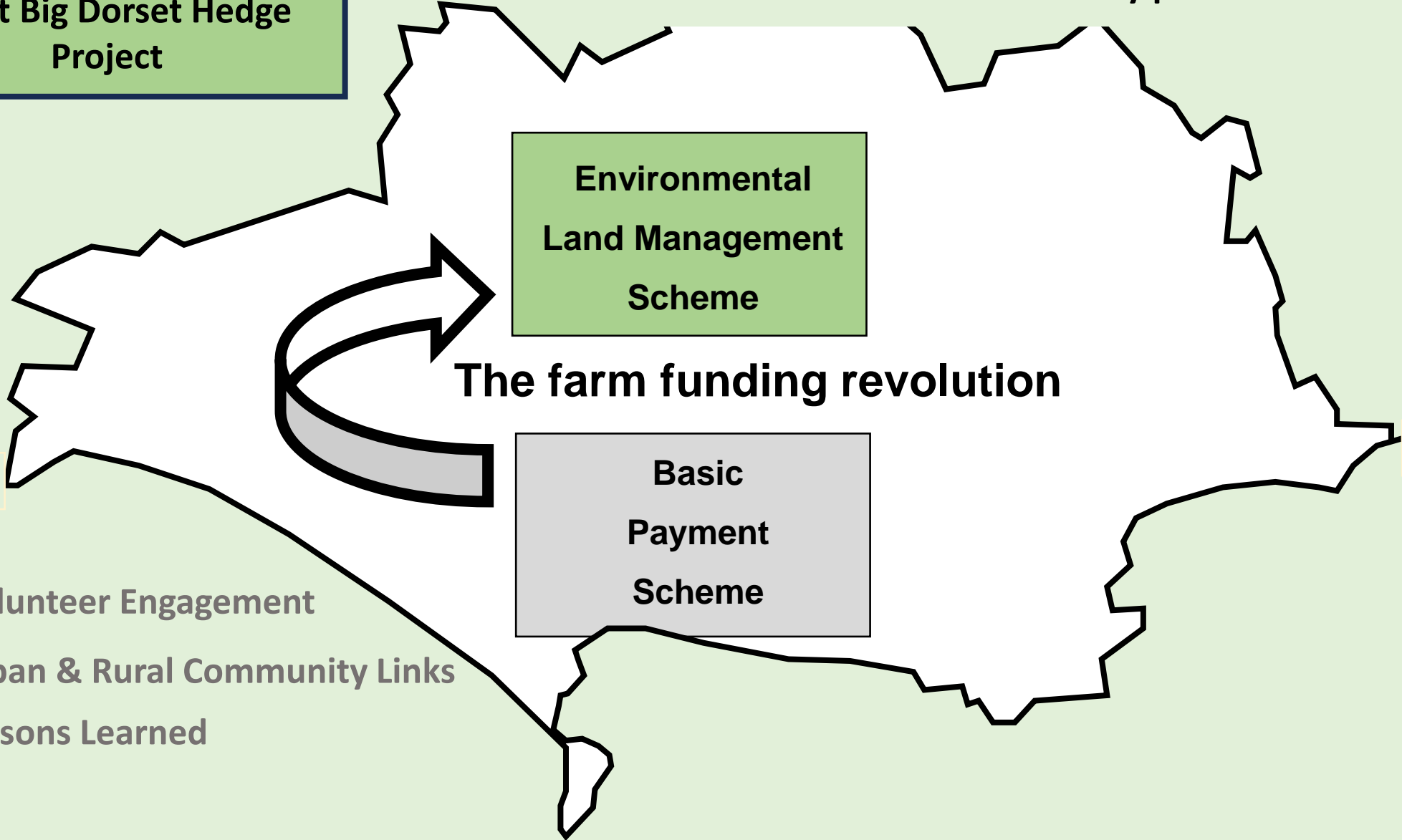
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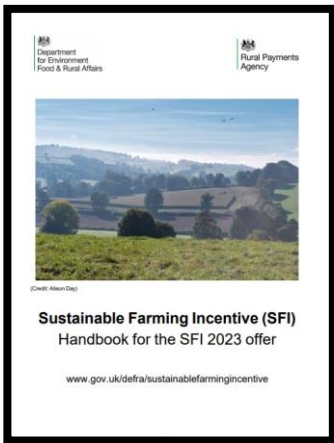
Sustainable Farming Incentive

HRW 1

HRW 2

HRW 3

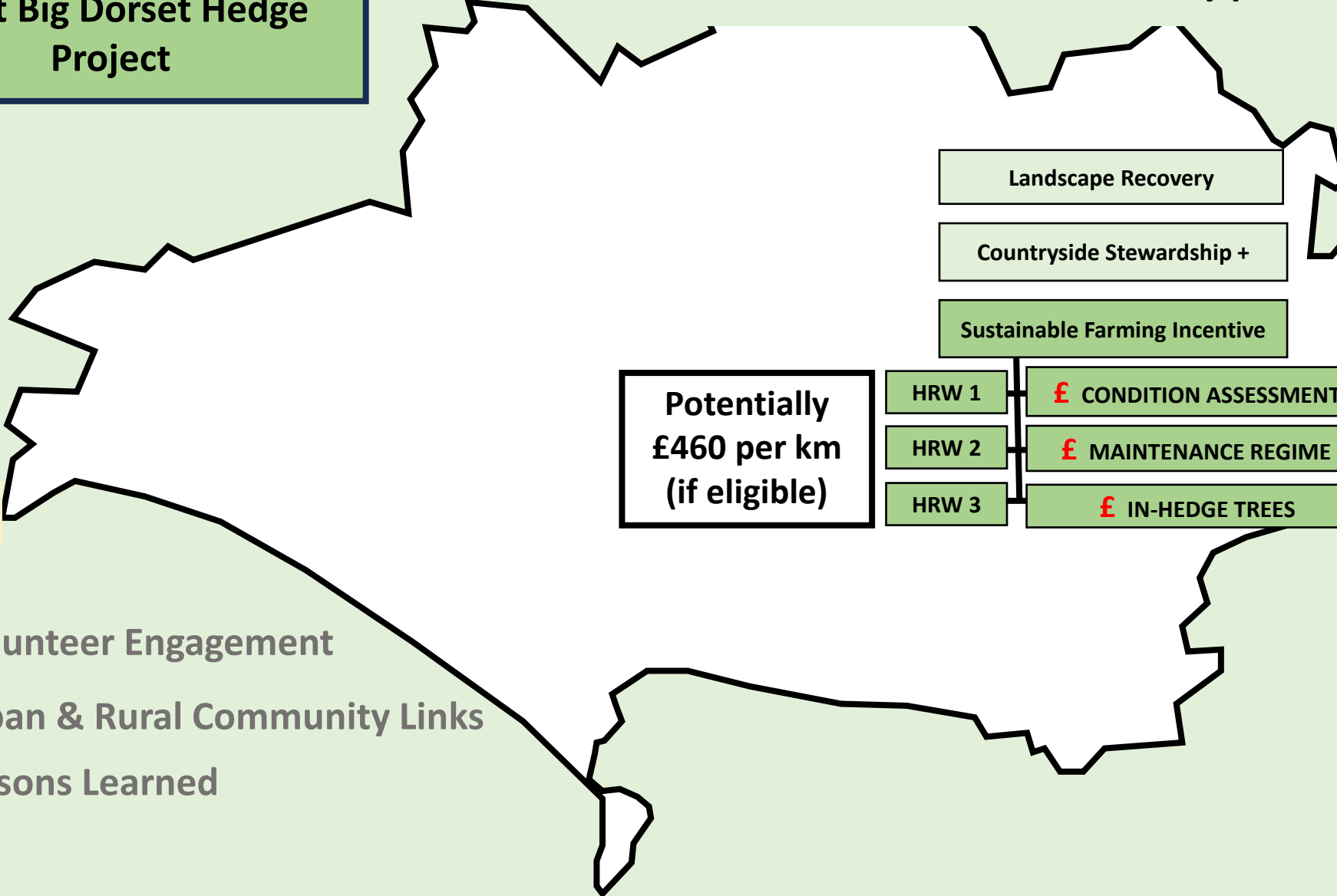
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**Potentially
£460 per km
(if eligible)**

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£ CONDITION ASSESSMENT

HRW 2

£ MAINTENANCE REGIME

HRW 3

£ IN-HEDGE TREES

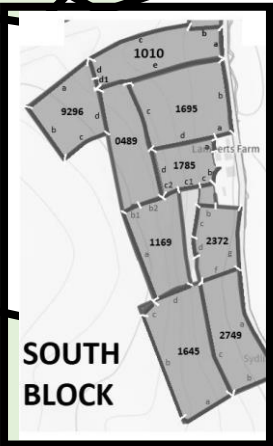
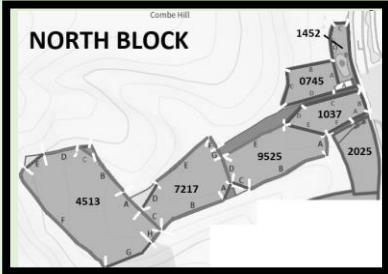
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**Capital Grants
For
Rejuvenation
&
New Planting**

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How Volunteer Surveys are accelerating the nature recovery process



Lamperts Farm Full Survey 231116



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Survey Results
Lamperts Farm
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On behalf of GBDH Project
November 2023

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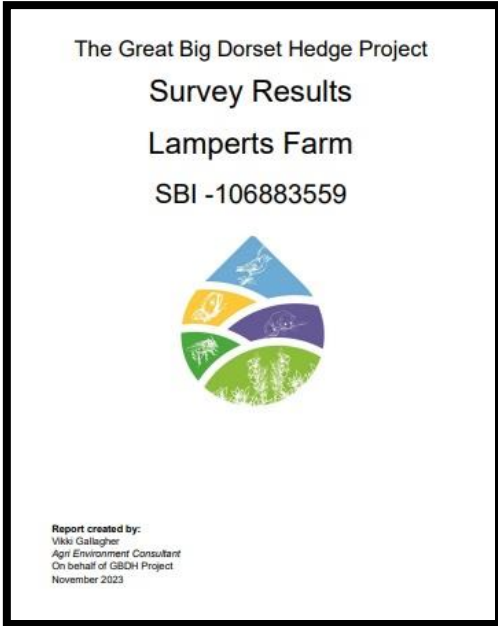


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URBAN

9 volunteer surveyors
(30 hours on site)

2 volunteer mappers
(4 hours off site)

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RURAL

Paul & Anne Brown
Farmers at
Sydling St Nicholas



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URBAN

300 volunteers
Signed up

80 volunteers
Very Energised



RURAL

40 FARMERS
Signed up

5 FARMERS
Calling us back



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Clare Lees, Post Green Farm, Lytchett Minster
Tim Harris, Luccas Farm, Powerstock
Kate Rock, Wrackleford Farm, Stratton
George Hosford, Travelers Rest Farm, Durweston

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“fantastic”



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**“Another bunch of
delightful people”**



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“super helpful”



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**“a very keen and
growing band of
volunteers”**



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Charmouth



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The Rivers Project





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Parish Council Eco-Group Projects

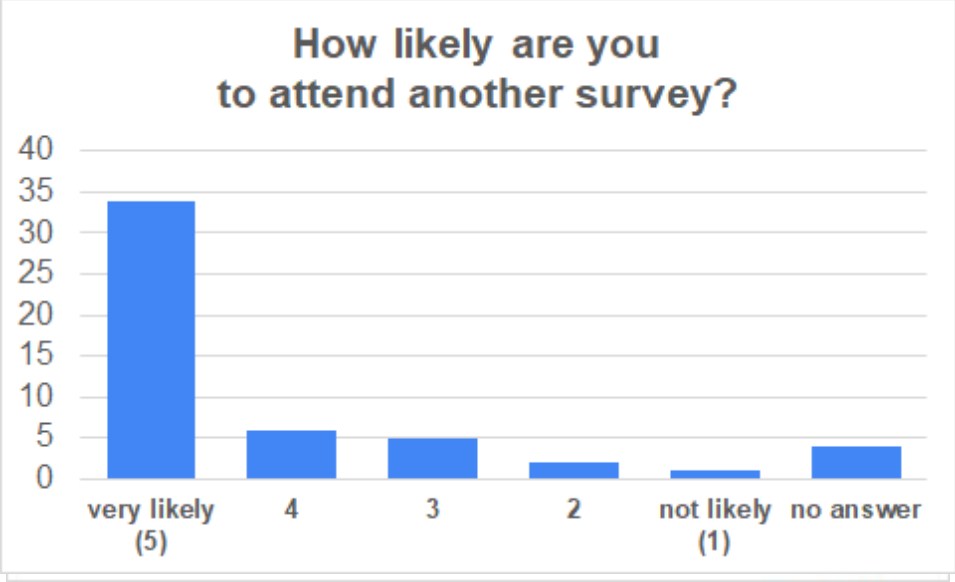


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Volunteer Engagement

**In November, 2023
180 volunteers were sent
a feedback survey to
establish whether &
how we needed to
improve the process.
52 responded**



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Volunteer Engagement

**Some responded
expansively and VERY
positively**

- Anne Greaves, Dorchester, 14 surveys
- Geoff Ralph, Drimpton, 29 surveys
- Kate Forrester, Dorchester, 6 surveys
- Sally Boxall, Bridport, 7 surveys



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“It’s given me a bit more **hopefulness** about reversing some of the damage to the environment and the natural world that depends on it. Thank you”

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“The GBDH project is an inspired and vital initiative which offers hope for our wildlife. It is also a conservation flagship...”

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“It is clearly **necessary**, it is a tangible and **reasonably easy** way to feel that you are **making a difference...**”

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“The GBDH is an excellent example of small steps leading to significant change... for the better!”


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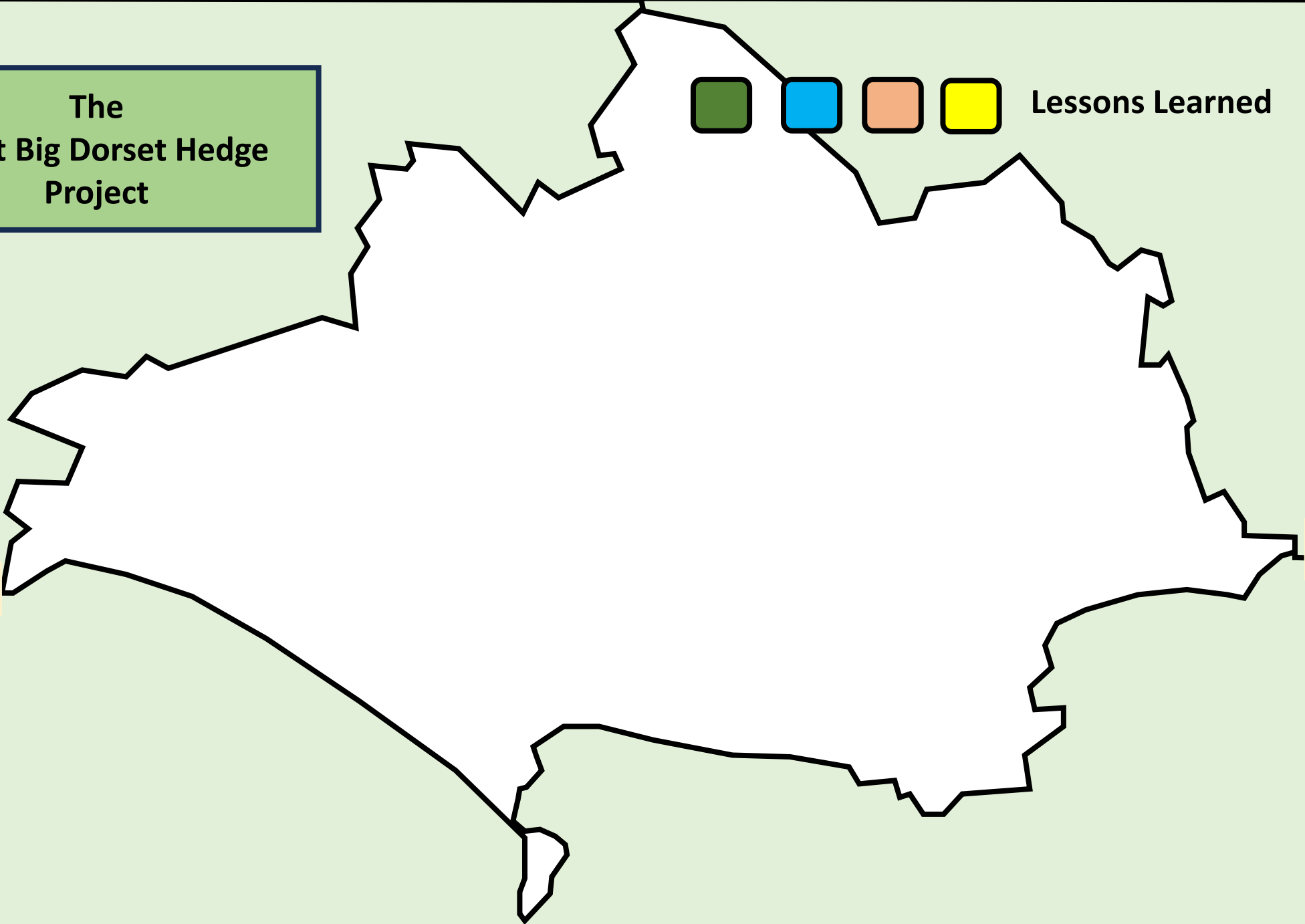


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The Project

It needs to be locally-focused
through core teams who are
Energised, Self-sufficient & Unconstrained

The Volunteers

Look for and find their strengths
in each case, and be sure to
use those strengths,
immediately.

The Farmers

Work with the ones that
are ready for it, **be patient
and persistent** with
the rest.



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Questions