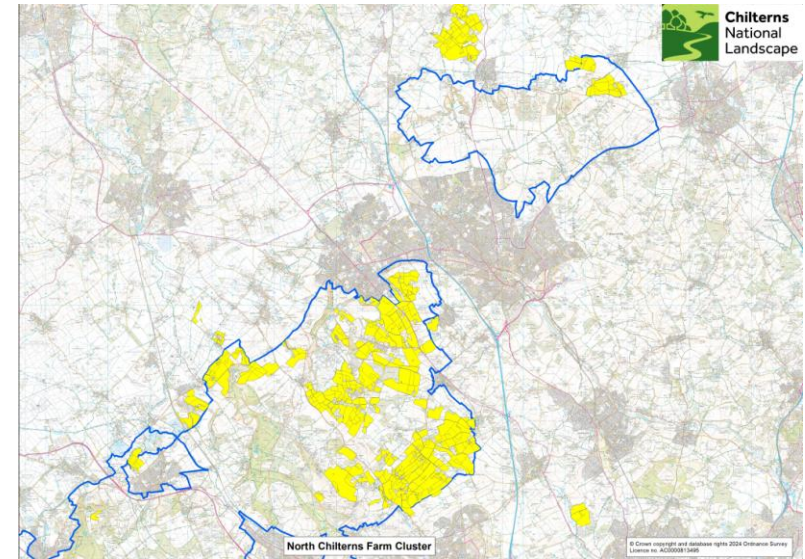
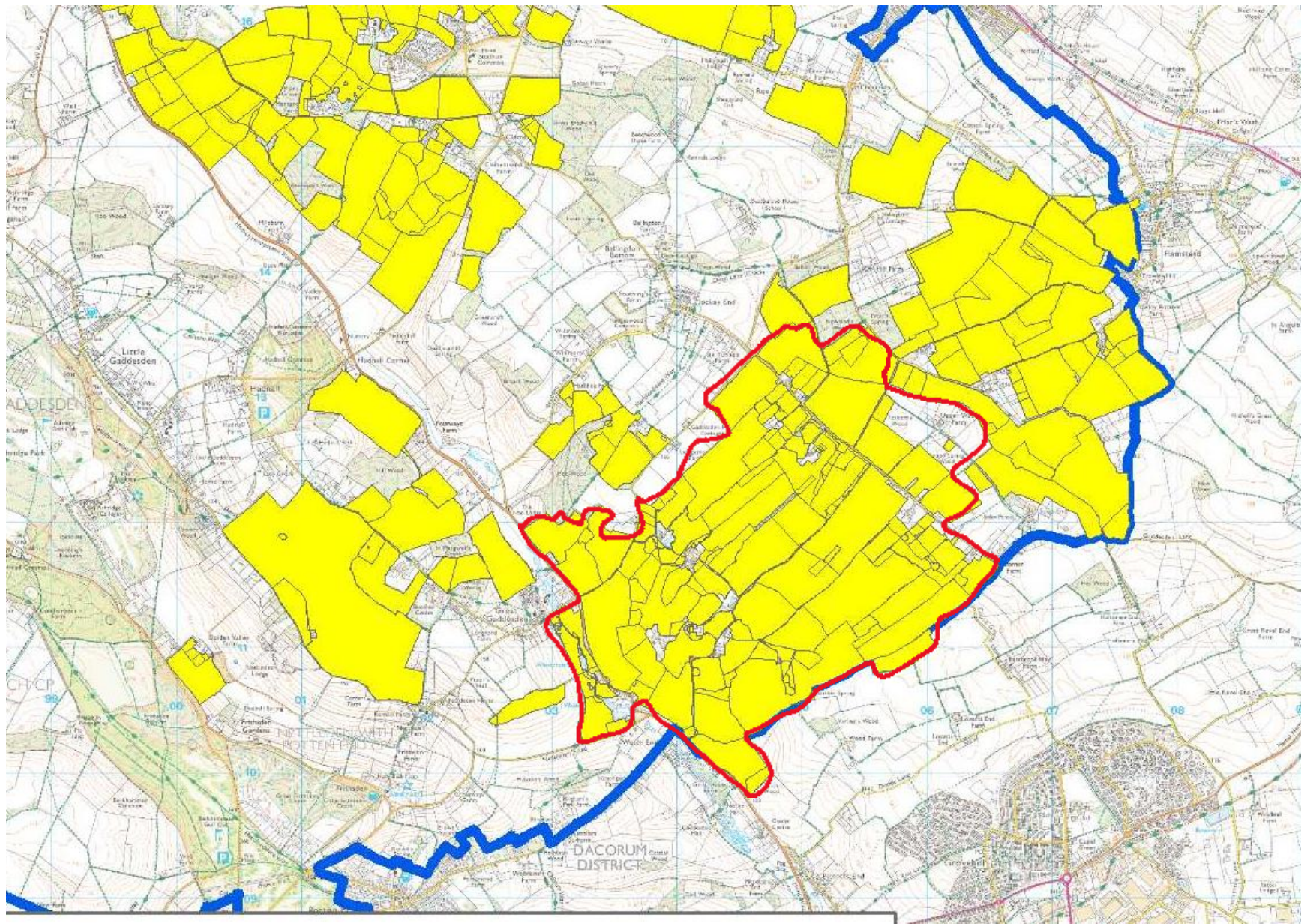


# North Chilterns Farmer Cluster:

## Gaddesden Estate







# Chilterns Projects

- Hedge Planting
- Tythe Map of 1837. 22kms of hedges have gone since then through agricultural improvements and mechanization.
- We still have 72kms of hedge side and woodland edge to manage.
- This winter we have planted 1km of new hedges, on lines of old hedges removed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



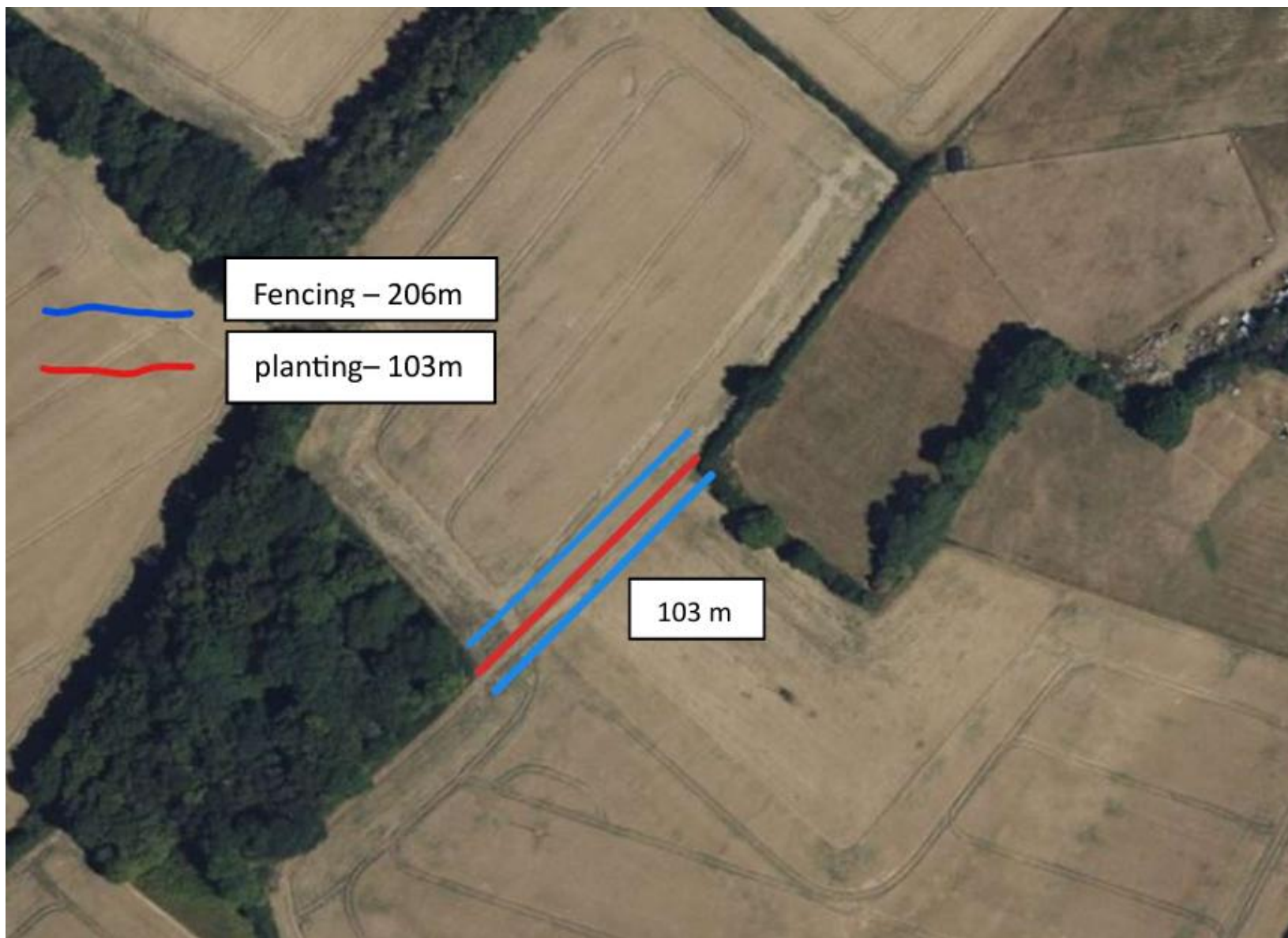












- Cover Crop Workshops
- Soil health sessions
- Pond restoration sessions
- Chalk Stream monitoring session
- Bird Counts for 3 yrs



# Gaddesdon Estate 2023 / 2024 /2025

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- **Gaddesdon Estate - 2023**

- Total Bird Species = 62
- Total Bird Count = 2244
- Total BoCC = 33
- Red List Species = 11
- Amber List Species = 19
- Green List Species = 29
- Schedule 1 Breeding Birds = 3
- Scarcest Bird = Common Snipe

- **Gaddesdon Estate – 2024**

- Total Bird Species = 58
- Total Bird Count = 1844
- Total BoCC = 30
- Red List Species = 10
- Amber List Species = 17
- Green List Species = 28
- Schedule 1 Breeding Birds = 3
- Scarcest Bird = Yellowhammer

- **Gaddesdon Estate – 2025**

- Total Bird Species = 62
- Total Bird Count = 2220
- Total BoCC = 34
- Red List Species = 8
- Amber List Species = 20
- Green List Species = 28
- Schedule 1 Breeding Birds = 6
- Scarcest Bird = Yellowhammer

# Other Environmental Projects

- Countryside Stewardship Agreement :
  - 75 ha of low input cereals (fewer sprays)
  - 15 ha of legume rich temporary meadows
  - 10 ha of winter bird food plots
  - 4 ha of pollinator plots
  - 3 ha of buffer strips
  - 75 ha of winter cover crops
  - 200 ha Organic conversion and management
  - 6.4kms of Hedgerow management



- Sustainable Farming Incentive
  - No insecticides on the whole farm
  - 37 ha of companion cropping (improving biodiversity)
  - 34 ha of temporary herb rich meadows
  - Wanted to put another 60 ha of temporary herb rich meadows in and convert them to organic, but in March 2025 the Govt cancelled all new farm environmental projects with no notice. We're still going ahead, but delayed by a year.

# Affinity Water River Gade Restoration

- Weir repairs
- Silt removal
- Bank reprofile
- Black poplar and tufted sedge planting





# Wildfarmed

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- “semi” organic – no sprays, some fertilizer
- Own protocols
- Making a market for “regenerative” practices
- Wildflower strips
- Insect monitoring
- Affinity water helping out











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