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The Bund



Location		Area of land bounded in the south by the A246 and in the north by the eastern end of the Old Espom Road, between Cherry Trees and the (former) Public Telephone Box.
History	o	Until 1998 (?) the acre-sized site was a level piece of land featuring trees and grasses and a deep rainwater ditch. As part of the village sound barrier projects a bund of landfill earth and rubble was used to create a 3 - 4-metre high mound to insulate the village from the noise created by the noisily resurfaced A246 in 1997. Under Adam Johnson's management it was then planted with a diversity of trees and wildflowers.
Habitats	✓	
Species Priority	✓	See attached Species list
Current Management	o	The Bund in summeritme is impenetrable and requires no maintance. Its very impenetrability means it is a safe, sheltered and well food stocked area for a variety of birds and creatures, but without access to it we cannot identify them. The perfect habitat.
	o	The level fringes of the bund have started to be mown in recent years and the cutting is to the very feet of the Hawthorn and other trees and shrubs.
Management and Policy Guidance	1	Maintain a policy that the Bund should remain impenetrable and be happy that the sound insulation project has also benefited a diverse, if unknown number of creatures.
	2	Fringe mowing need only be a metre or two from the road, leaving longer grass and wildflowers to thrive adjacent to the bund shrubs and provide food and corridors for small mamals and insects.