



**SEA Report to STC  
Services Committee  
April 2025**

**Elwell Woods**

1. We have continued to tackle the invasive heliotrope in the orchard by regular scything/pulling. Although still rampant overall, it could be weakening in some areas. Since the majority of the SEA Committee is in favour of avoiding chemicals on plants, we decided to carry on with the manual removal for the rest of this year. We have therefore had less time to organise other things, so work on the Management Plan is currently suspended.
2. We have completed planting the wildlife hedgerow, donated by Woodland Trust, by the wall on Waterloo Lane (Tamar side). And we have collected up the brash left after the felling of ash trees last Autumn, and organised it into a habitat hedge (also called 'dead hedge').

**Tree Saltash**

As you may know, the hedgerow we planted in the verge beside Tobruk Road was accidentally mown in error by Cormac last Summer, which they admitted. We recently found that many of the saplings have actually survived as stumps and are starting to sprout leaves. Therefore, we will watch and nurture these for this year, and will postpone planting replacement trees, and reassess in the Autumn. We have informed Cormac again.

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