

Nature Recovery:

What can riparian grassland systems tell us?

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Clifton Hampden Bridge



Baseline Data

- W.B Alexander
counting House
Martin nests
under Clifton
Hampden Bridge
in 1954



Bridge built by Sir
George Gilbert Scott
1867

- W.B. Alexander counted more than 500 House Martin nests in 1952 (Brucker – et al Birds of Oxrdshire)



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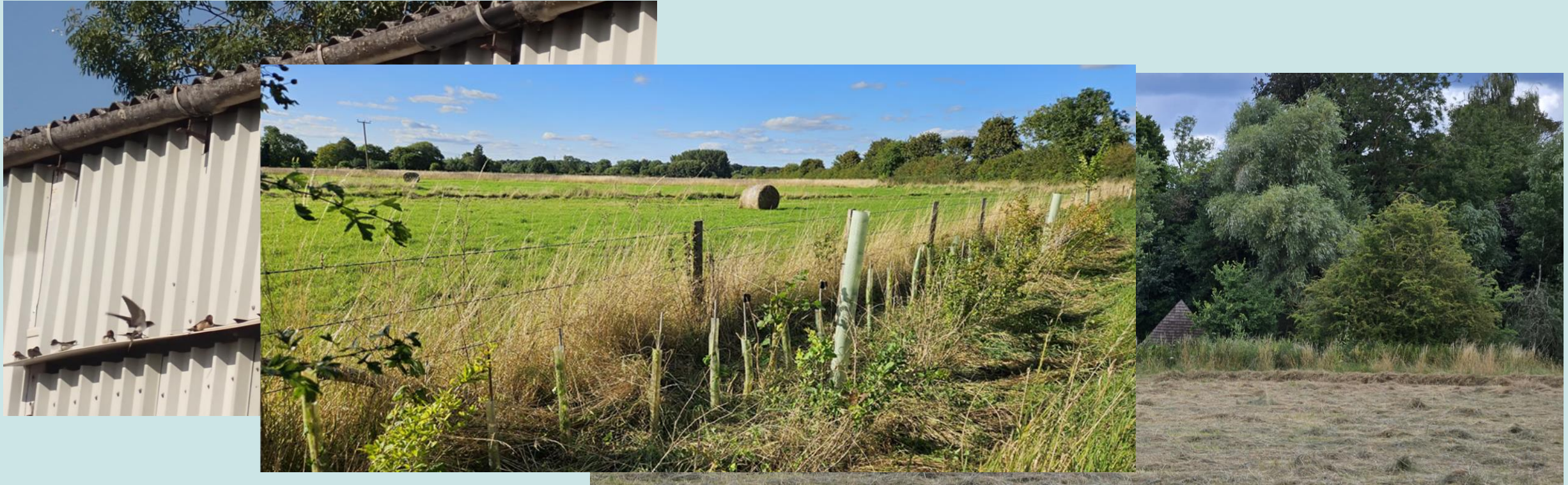
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What are we aiming to do?

- Holistically manage four miles of riparian meadows and pastures between three landowners.
- Work with universities and researchers to develop an evidence-based approach to land management that helps nature and is economically beneficial for farmers.
- Provide knowledge and inspiration for land managers and communities.
- Restore insect and bird populations including the Yellow Wagtail.



What have we learned?

- Using an evidence-based approach to land management can be hard.
- Taking the time to get to know and understand the land is key.
- We must bring others along on our journey.



Thank you

