

The history of my involvement with the Millenium Coppice, which it is now called, started 60 years ago when I was a teenager. It was one of my favourite haunts for tickling trout in the 2 streams which run through the area. I also used to fish the brook down stream as far as Hill End Coppice. Having been away I returned to the area in my early 20's to discover to my dismay that Hill End Coppice was no more, it had a change of use and was now farm land. As the field behind the bus yard was not being used it was an ideal opportunity to reinstate a small area of woodland. I started planting trees over 20 years ago and with the villagers help we cut and collected the grass twice a year to in courage wild flowers. All the trees I planted are indigenous and very few failed, although I do replace a few each year.

Mick Boulton, owner of Millennium Coppice

Millennium Coppice, Cardington

Millennium Coppice is a community space which was planted in 2000. A number of footpaths go through the site and a couple of community events here each year.

With support from the Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund we have been able to label the trees to help people to identify the different species.

We have also planted over 100 new trees and shrubs into the site to create good habitat for wildlife. We will continue to cut and collect the grass twice each year to encourage the wild flowers. We are keen for local groups including the local primary school to visit and enjoy/explore the coppice and have invited them to do so. We also hope to organise a bird walk around the site.

We will continue to manage Millennium Coppice as a much needed space for wildlife/nature to flourish and continue to encourage/ invite the local community to explore and enjoy this special site.



Mick Boulton,
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