

## **BOUNDARY & LINEAR FEATURES**

### **Hedgerows**

Hedgerows in the WPMs are predominantly at lower elevation and to the west. They are generally replaced by dry-stone walls or rarely up-ended flagstones. As elsewhere Hawthorn is widespread, however, Holly, Hazel, Oak, Rowan, Bird Cherry, Guelder-rose, Downy Rose and Bay Willow mark the important hedgerows. Of particular significance in the WPMs are the single species Holly hedgerows. They are of added value where they are associated with a bank, ditch or grassy verge.

Hedgerows form habitat links or corridors between other significant habitats and aid species movement. In this respect Hedgerows are important for butterflies and other invertebrates, foraging bats and breeding birds such as Song Thrush.

### Biodiversity delivery

Important hedgerows are protected through the Hedgerows Regulations [www.naturenet.net/trees/hedgerow](http://www.naturenet.net/trees/hedgerow) and eligible for Biodiversity delivery through Defra's English High Level Stewardship [www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/hls](http://www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/hls) to conserve and achieve favourable condition.