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**Subject:** FAO Paul Egan - Long Forest Project - Free App for Community Councils to Survey Hedgerows

Hi Paul

Hope all is well

My name is Shane Hughes from Keep Wales Tidy and I'm a Project Co-Ordinator with the Long Forest Project. The Long Forest Project is in essence a hedgerow regeneration programme which empowers communities, landowners and volunteers to learn more about the importance of hedgerows, in particular their increasingly crucial roles in sustaining biodiversity through linking fragmented habitats

I was recently at the Royal Welsh Show in Builth Wells and from speaking with several Community Council representatives I understand that Community Councils throughout Wales are required to provide a breakdown/assessment of bio diversity within their areas of responsibility. As part of the Long Forest project we have developed an App to survey hedgerows and as such I was wondering if possibly Community Councils would be interested in this. Please find attached a pdf with some details on how this can be downloaded - **The App is of course free to download and use**

Just to confirm we will be able to return a comprehensive "site specific" survey document for any Community Council hedgerows throughout Wales including aspects such as hedge location (start and finish), height, width, structure, species present, grass verge, ditches, standards present, invasive species etc. all free and available for you very soon after each survey is completed.

Each document can provide a "snap-shot" of a Community Councils hedgerows at a given site and will be extremely useful, particularly in the short to medium term, as any future hedgerow surveys can be compared to this survey – Please find attached to this email an example of some of the hedgerow data we can provide

Finally to celebrate National Hedgerow Day on August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be giving away £100 worth of National Garden Gift vouchers to a lucky winner who has taken part in our hedgerow survey, please find details attached

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information,

All the best

Shane