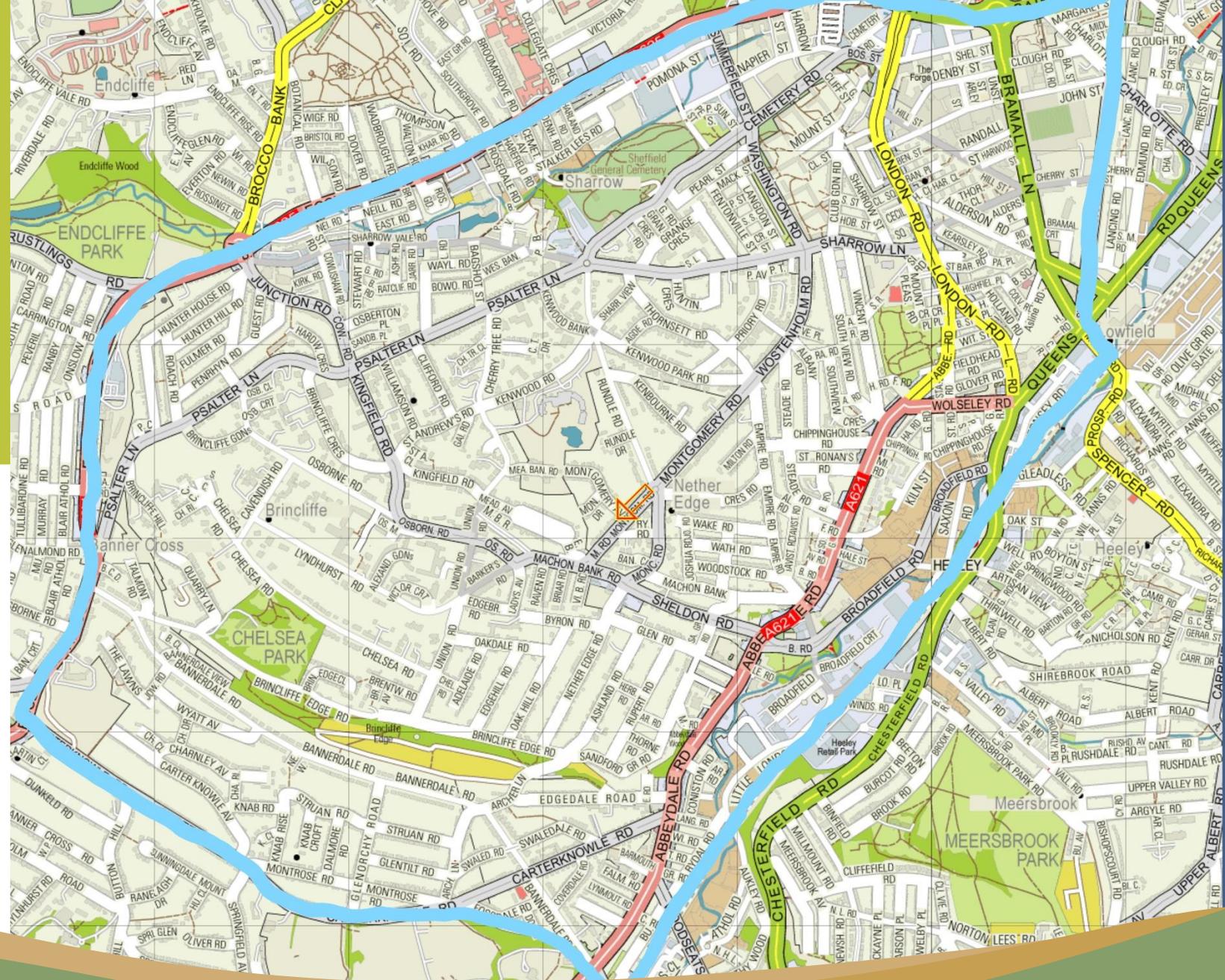


Welcome to the first

Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST)

Annual General Meeting

Monday 15th November 2021



NESST, Nether Edge and Sharrow Sustainable Transformation, is a common endeavour by the community of Nether Edge and Sharrow to watch over, maintain and improve our urban environment.

Agenda

Formal Business

- Chairperson's Report on NESST's Achievements so far – Mark James
- Treasurer's Report on NESST's financial situation – Jo Millett
- Formal adoption of the NESST constitution plus due amendments – Mark James
- Appointment of NESST Committee Members – Mark James

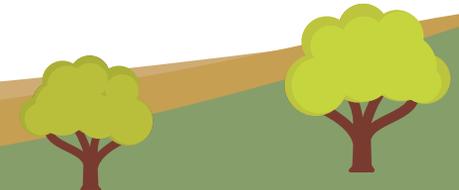
Presentation

- Planting additional street trees in the NESST area: Revealing the locations – Paul Selby



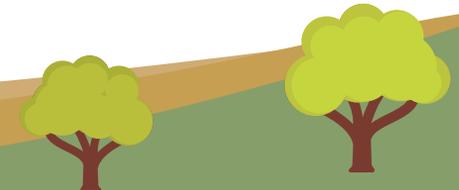
Chairperson's Report – Mark James

- Continuing the work of our predecessor organisation, Save Nether Edge Trees (SNET), to ensure the 160 street trees in our area that the Council aimed to fell, were not actually felled. Two thirds of these are now formally saved, with nearly all the remaining third anticipated to be formally saved in the coming months.
- Persuading Sheffield Council not to fell 20+ large trees on Washington Road and Cemetery Road as part of the Connecting Sheffield initiative.
- Raising funds from a variety of sources to ensure 37 additional street trees will be planted in the NESST area this coming January.
- Supporting the Abbeydale Road street tree initiative, where a further 24 street trees will be planted this coming January.
- Initiating the Buckthorn for Brimstones initiative, firstly with a trial in March 2021 where 180 whips were planted.
- This has led to a successful and mutually beneficial partnership with Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. In a second larger joint initiative this autumn, a further 550 more Buckthorn whips were purchased across the whole of Sheffield, but mainly in south west Sheffield.



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- NESST is also registered as a partner organisation with both Nature Recovery Sheffield and The South Yorkshire Climate Alliance.
- Creating the Kenwood Community Growers initiative in the grounds of Kenwood Hall.
- Starting to map "forgotten" green spaces in our area, with the aim of improving the biodiversity of these spaces in the future.
- Supporting partner organisations such as the S11 and S7 Swift Conservation initiatives.
- Running a series of Educational Talks. Topics included Butterfly identification, Improving the Pollinator Potential of your Garden, Transition Towns, Climate Emergency Centres, Biodiversity Net Gain, Neighbourhood Plans, Sheffield Renewables, The Potting Shed, and two Urban Walks.
- Establishing a Bank Account for NESST – no easy task!!!
- Increasing NESST membership by over 10%, from the 360 members we inherited from SNET to over 400 members currently.



Treasurer's Report – Jo Millett

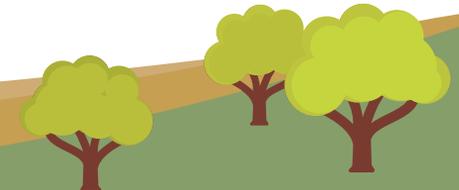
NESST bank account opened with HSBC in August 2021.

Opening Balance of £7,207.06 which breaks down as:

£4575.14	legacy SNET account - goes to NESST Additional Street Tree Fund
£2169.42	Additional Street Trees Crowdfunder
£452.50	funds raised by NESST since January 2020 - goes to General Fund
£10	donation - to General Fund

Balance as of 6th November 2021: £18800.51

General Fund:	£462.50	
Additional Street Trees	£17360.40	£17725.28 will be paid to Amey for 37 additional street trees
Buckthorn for Brimstone	£977.61	surplus to be shared between NESST General Fund and Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust
Swift boxes	£0	£290 paid in for box fitting and then paid out to box fitter



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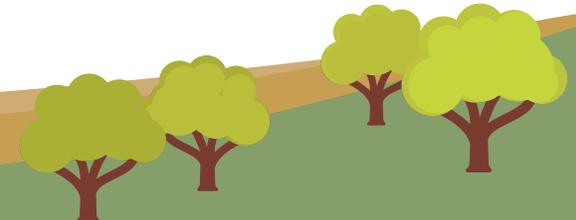
Name

Nether Edge & Sharrow Sustainable Transformation (NESST)

Objects

To:

- Raise awareness in the community (Nether Edge & Sharrow and its environs) of the challenges of the climate crisis;
- Preserve and enhance the biodiversity of the local area;
- Build community resilience through being more self-reliant;
- Enable the community to develop a more localised future.



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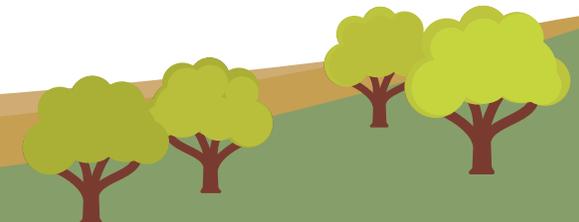


Equalities

The Association is committed to treating all people equally and with respect, irrespective of their age; disability, physical or intellectual ability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

Accessibility

When and where possible, efforts will be made to enable access to meetings, communications and events to individuals who have particular needs.



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General Meetings

There must be an annual general meeting (AGM) of the members of the Association. The first AGM must be held within 18 months of the formation of the Association and subsequent AGMs are to be held at intervals of not more than 15 months.

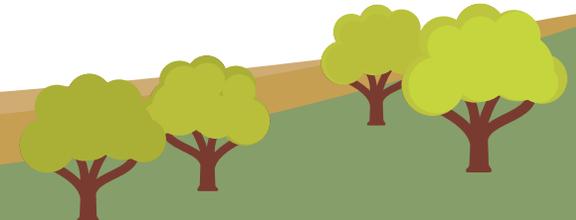
The AGM must receive an annual Statement of Accounts and an annual Report by the Committee.

The AGM elects the officers who form the Committee.

General meetings (in addition to the AGM) to be called by the Committee giving at least 21 days' notice.

Decisions are made by members over 16 years of age by a simple majority through a show of hands.

The quorum for general meetings shall be 15.



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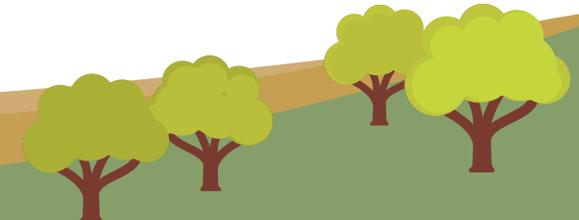


Committee

A Committee of elected members, over the age of 18, consisting of the Officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) oversees the running and day-to-day business of the Association.

The Committee may co-opt members or form sub-groups.

The quorum of the Committee is 2.



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Finance

The Association is a not-for-profit organization and finance shall be raised by the Committee through fund raising events, donations, legacies or grants. All money raised by the Association will be spent solely on the objects laid out in the rules of the Association.

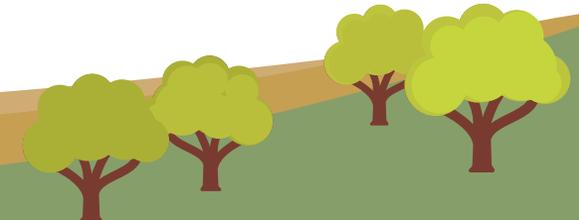
The Association will have a bank account with HSBC.

There will be three signatories (the Officers).

Each transaction will require two signatures.

Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the Treasurer and a Financial Statement given at each committee meeting.

An annual Statement of Accounts will be presented to the Annual General Meeting.



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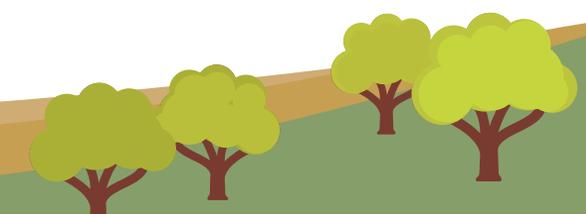
Changes to the Constitution

The constitution of the Association can only be changed by a resolution given, of not less than 14 days notice, at a general meeting voted on by a two-thirds majority of those attending and eligible to vote.

Voluntary Dissolution

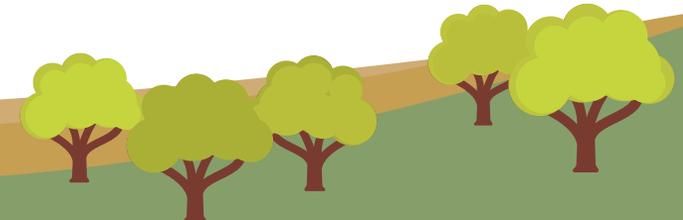
The Association may be dissolved by a resolution given, of not less than 14 days notice, at a general meeting voted on by a two-thirds majority of those attending and eligible to vote. Any remaining assets after all debts have been settled must be distributed to a not-for-profit or charitable organisation agreed by the Membership for purposes the same as or similar to those of the Association.

Date adopted:	Monday 12th July 2021
Chair:	Mark James
Secretary:	Paul Selby
Treasurer:	Joanna Millett



Election of NESST Committee Members

Role	Current Acting Committee Member	Proposed Committee Member
Chairperson	Mark James	Paul Selby
General Secretary	Helen Kemp	Helen Kemp
Treasurer	Jo Millett	Jo Millett
Vice Chairperson	Paul Selby	
Membership Secretary		Sarah Stevenson
Equal Opportunities and Diversity		Sarah Stevenson
Education and Outreach		Mark James



Planting Additional Street Trees in the NESST area



Funding the Trees

We've collectively raised

£17,725

to fund the planting of

37

additional street trees.

This total comes from:

- Residual SNET funds totalling around £4,500
- £500 in residual STARTS funds
- Roughly £4,500 raised by groups of residents on Glen Road, Sandford Grove Road, Bowood Road and Montgomery Avenue
- £6,100 from individuals willing to fund trees outside of their house
- £1,025 from an anonymous donor willing to “top up” part funded trees.
- £1,100 from the Go Fund Me crowdfunder (leaving £1,100 in the crowdfunder for next year)

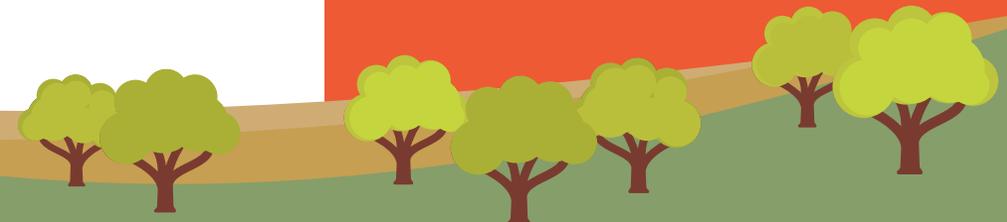
The price of funding additional trees has increased slightly.

£550 to £600

for a tree into tarmac

£337 to £387

for a tree into a grass verge



Map - overview

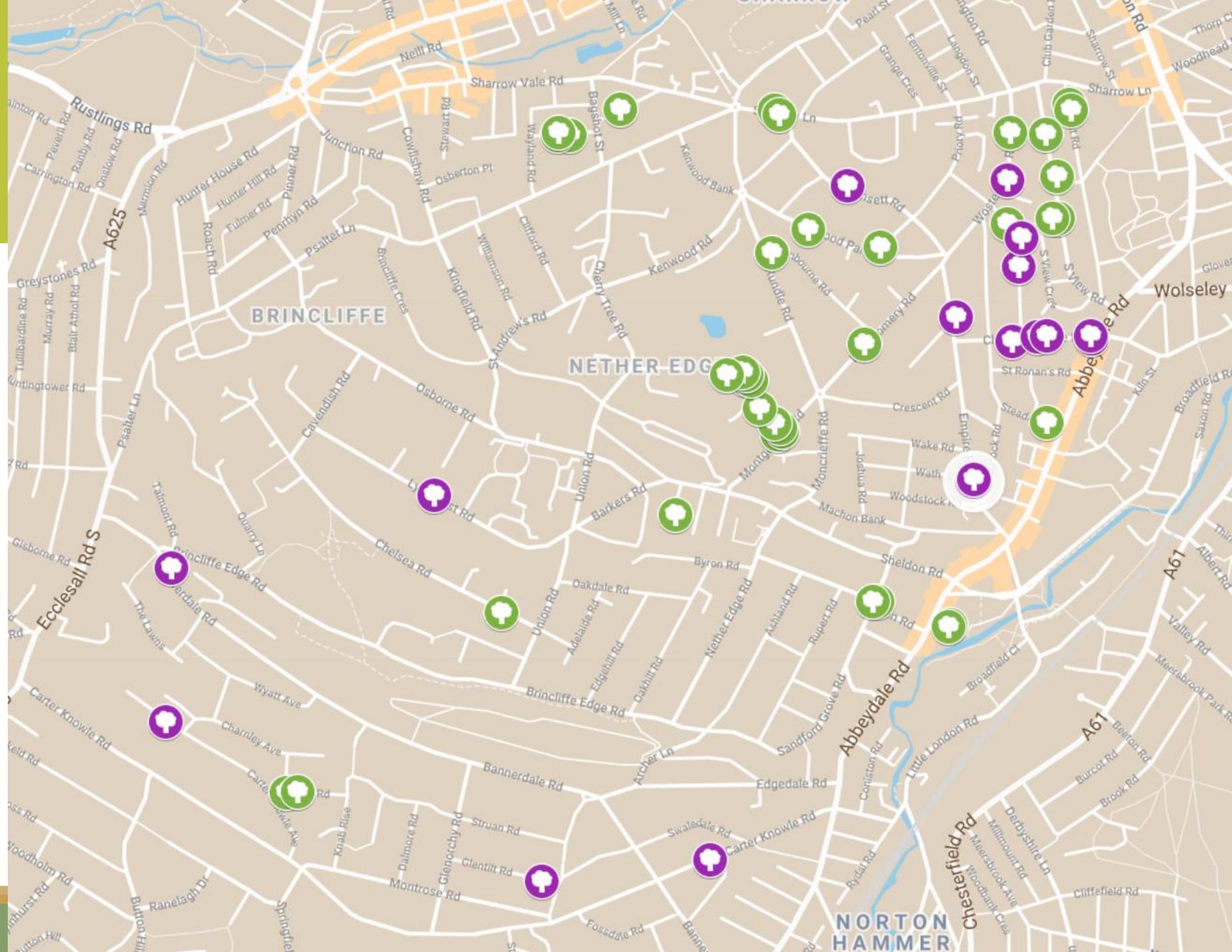


37 trees funded by SNET, NESST, STARTS, individual residents and groups of residents.

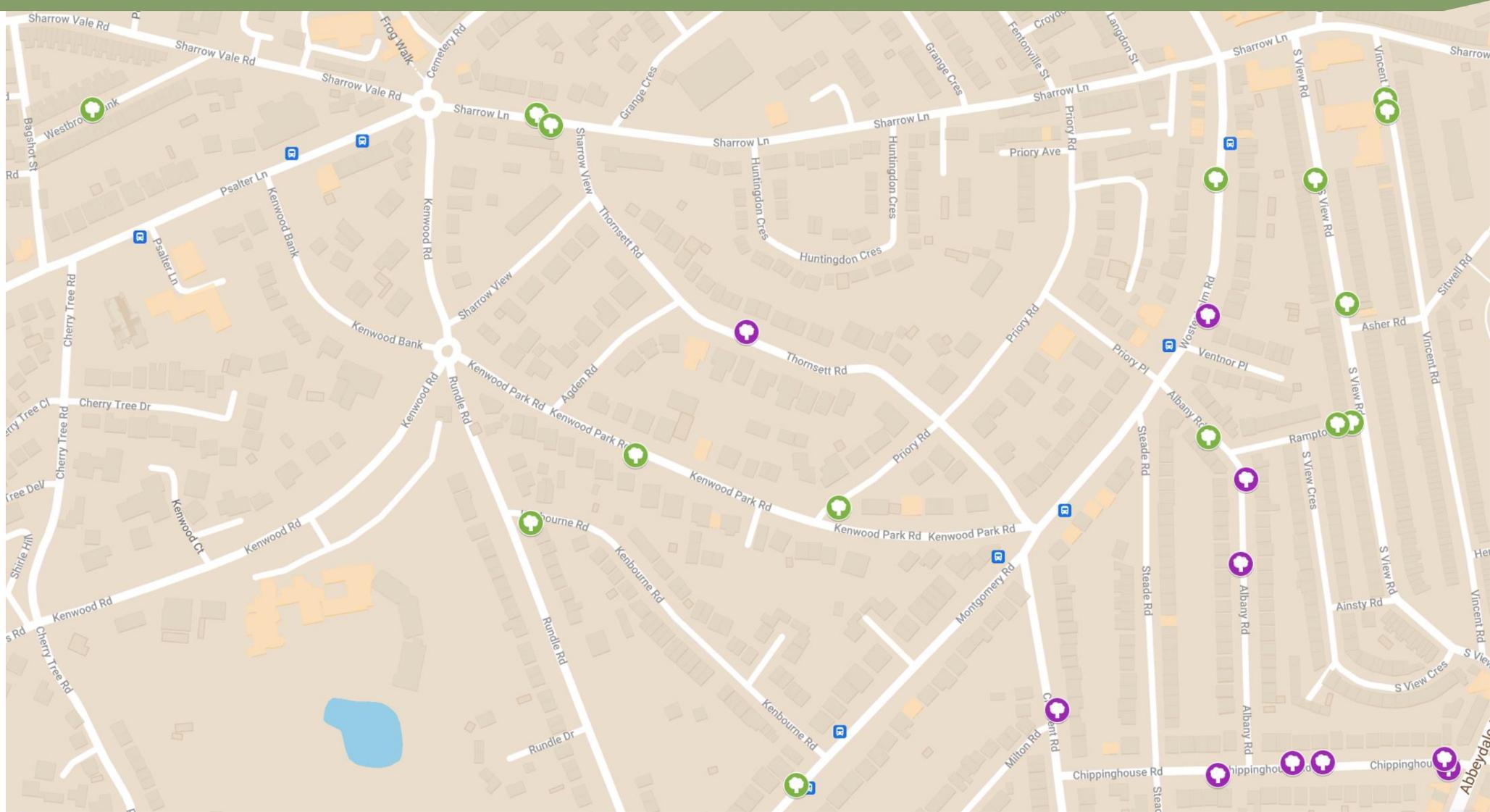


19 trees that were **felled** between 2008 and 2012, which Amey have an obligation to **replant**, but had been forgotten about.

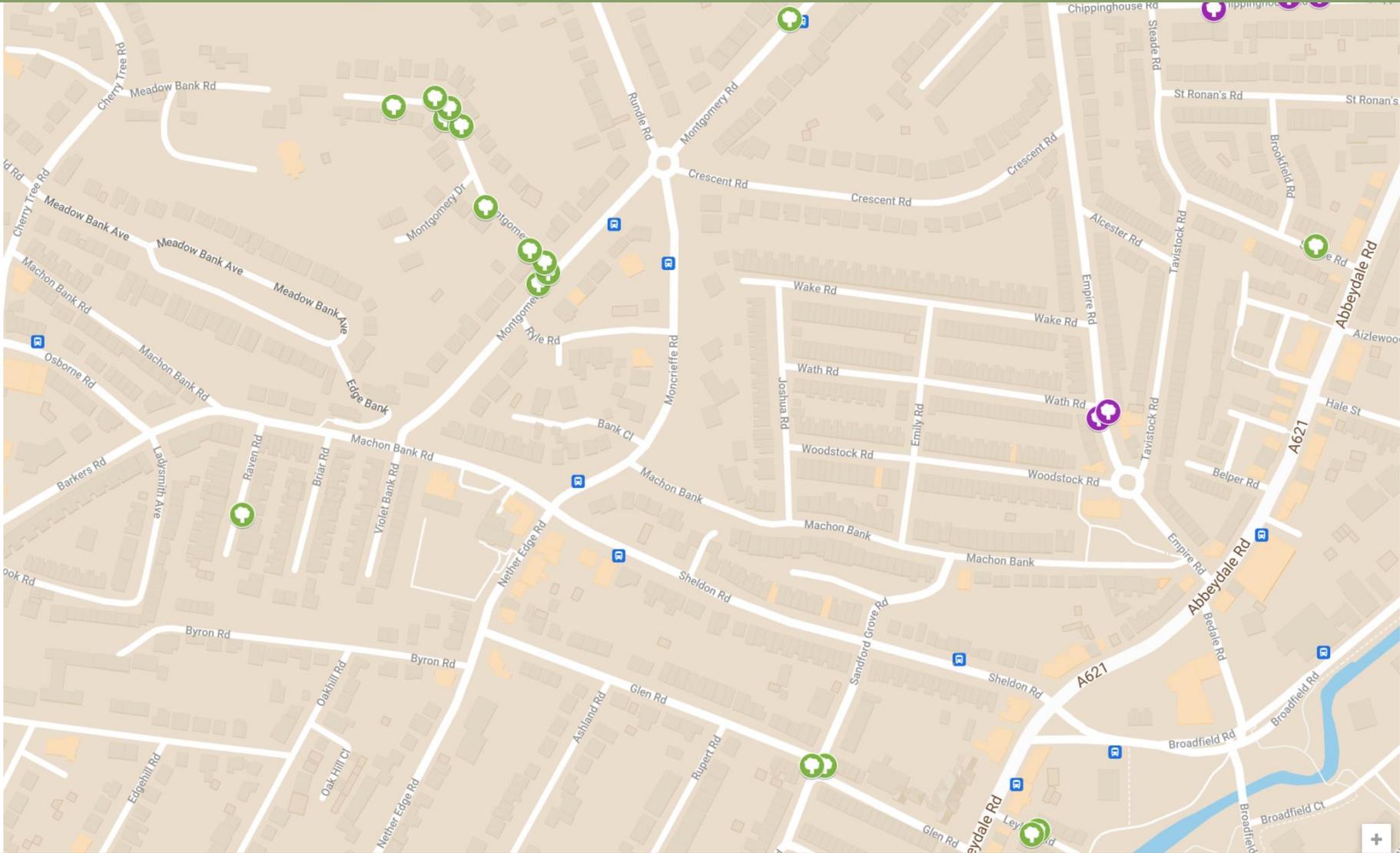
24 trees will also be planted on **Abbeydale Road** as part of a separate initiative (Not shown on map).



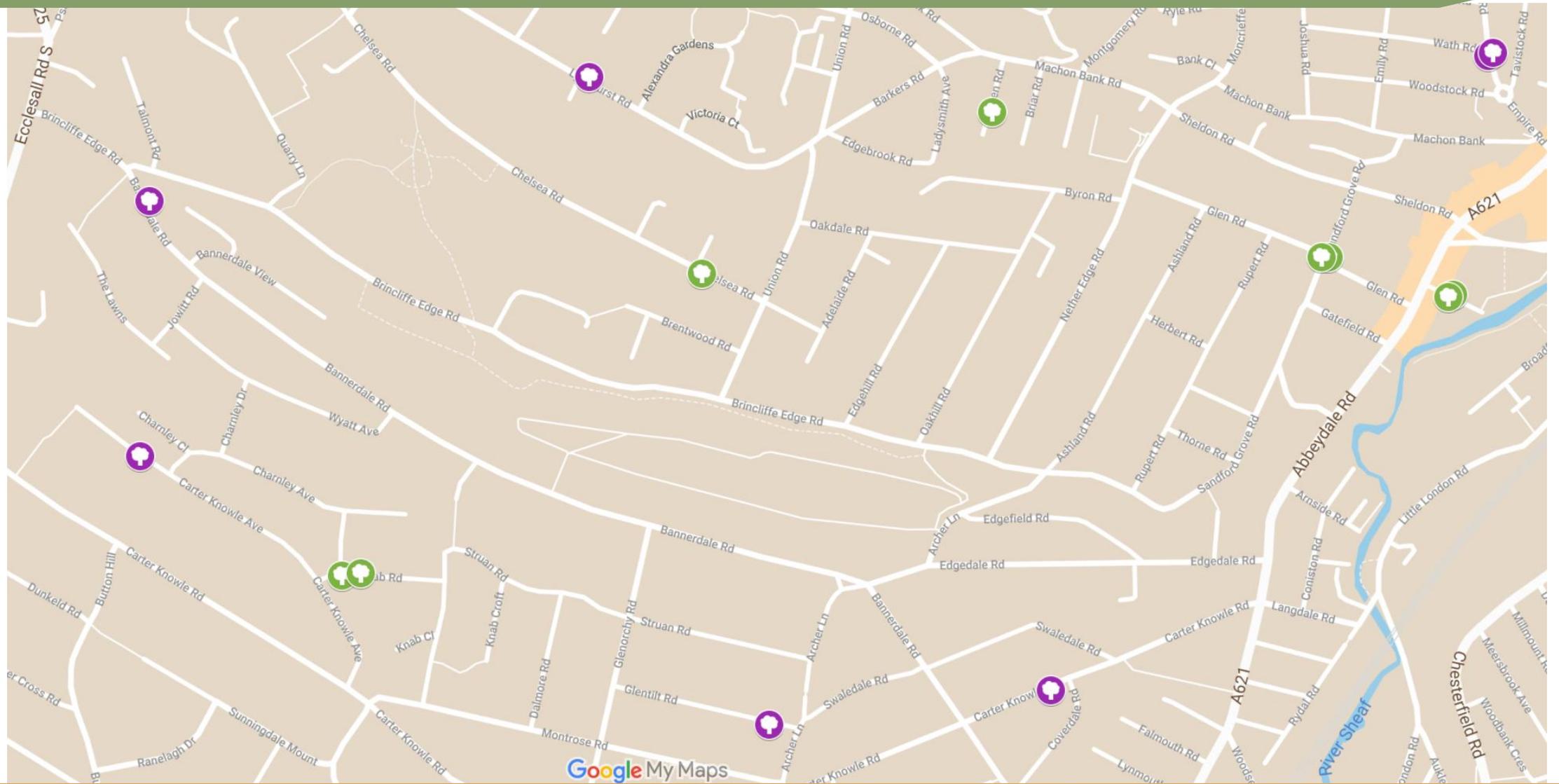
The northern section of the NESST area



The central section of the NESST area



The southern section of the NESST area



What Next?

- The 37 trees funded this year will be planted in January 2022.
- Combined, the 37 funded trees and the 19 “free” trees fill 1.5% of the 3650 locations I’ve identified in the NESST area where street trees could be planted.
- Which is a great start, but we have so much more to do.
- Already I’m in discussion with residents on five roads in our area who are keen to collectively fund a few trees on each road, perhaps 10 trees in total.
- The crowdfunder and other NESST funds already have funds for 3 further trees.
- We are bidding for further funds from other organisations.

We need your help to fund even more!

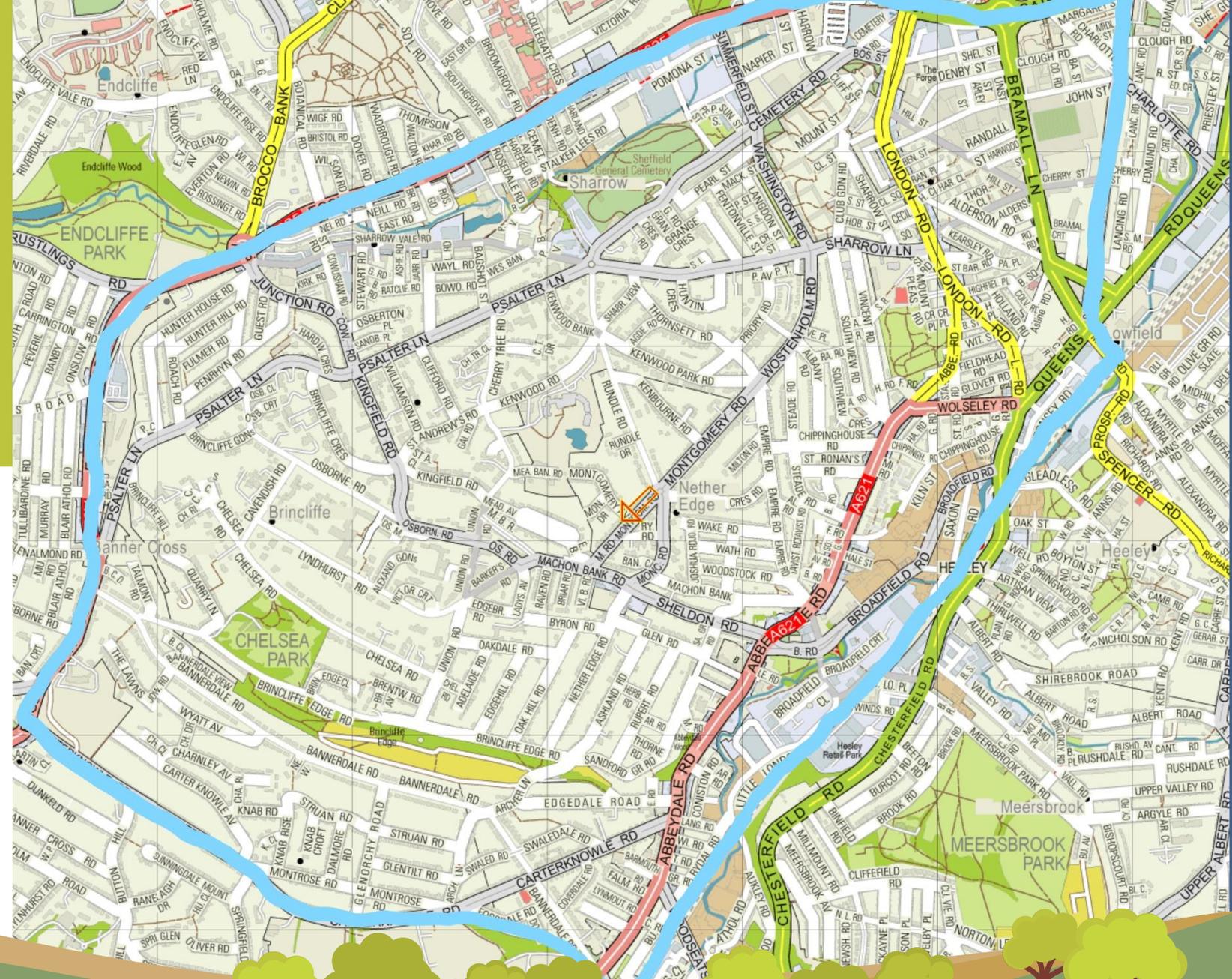
- Donate to the crowdfunder
- Fund a tree outside your house
- Tell your neighbours and friends – spread the word
- Work with your neighbours to collectively raise funds for trees on your street
- Seek funding from businesses if you have contacts



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