

There are around 489 miles of roads on the Island. Around 135 hectares (334 acres) of verge are cut. The greatest concentration of biodiversity is found in 22 hectares (55 acres) of verge being managed by landowners and Island Roads.

16 of the 33 Town and Parish Councils contain ecologically significant verges and have special verge management plans. For example Strawberry Lane near Brook has a verge within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). A survey in June 2017 found 42 species of wild plant and numerous insects feeding on them.

