

# Bird Survey

## Curlew Lapwing and Other Target Species

The main target species are Lapwing and Curlew. We need more helpers. If you can recognise these two birds (and preferably their calls), you can make an important contribution.

The survey area is bounded roughly by Leebotwood, Marshbrook, Shipton and Hughley. It is divided into 30 squares, each of 2x2 kilometres, as shown below.

Participants take on one of these survey squares and visit three times, on dates to suit you around 1st April, 1st May and 15th June, about half a day each visit, so it doesn't take much time. It's easy to do, and participants are provided with simple survey instructions and a map to record sightings on. If possible we'd also like you to record Kestrel, Cuckoo and other target species, but that's an optional extra.

In 2021 the survey will be conducted in accordance with whatever Government Coronavirus restrictions are in place at the time, but as survey visits are usually made by people on their own, or by couples, and can be done as daily exercise, they will be allowed. The stay at home rule is likely to end on 29 March.

We normally hold a meeting in March to report back on last year's results, and explain what's involved to new participants. However, we won't be able to do that this year. Helpers will be briefed by email. There will be a practical (socially-distanced) training session, explaining how to go about the survey, and record what you see, around the end of March, if you feel you need it.

You can see reports from previous years [here](#).

You can choose your own square, and do more than one if you want, but I have to try and get all the squares covered, so I'd appreciate it if you'll be a bit flexible, and tell me the rough area that you'd like to do, and I'll choose a square for you.

If you're interested in helping, or want more information, email Leo Smith ([leo@leo.smith.org.uk](mailto:leo@leo.smith.org.uk))

