

Severn-Vyrnwy Confluence Community Wildlife Group Bird Survey 2022 Curlew Lapwing and Other Target Species **New helpers needed, please**



The Severn-Vyrnwy Confluence Community Wildlife Group has been monitoring local Curlews, Lapwings and other birds since 2018. We are planning on starting the 2022 survey at the end of March. We need more helpers please, so if you have some time to spend monitoring the iconic birds in our area, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

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

The area is between the Welsh border and Yockleton, Shrawardine and Nesscliffe. It includes Alberbury, Molverley, Molverley Green, Pentre and Westbury (the Severn-Vyrnwy Confluence area). A map can be found on the website.

The area is divided into squares, each of 2x2 kilometres. 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.

There will be a meeting of the Group at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22 February 2022 at Alberbury Village Hall, to discuss the results from this year and plans for next year. I hope you can come.

There will be a practical fieldwork training session, explaining how to go about the survey, and record what you see, in late March, if you feel you need it.

You can choose your own square, and do more than one if you want. However, we have to try and get all the squares covered, so it would be appreciated if you'll be a bit flexible, and let us know the rough area that you'd like to do, and we'll choose a square for you.



You can find the survey reports from 2020 and previous years, on the relevant part of the Community Wildlife Groups website, www.ShropsCWGs.org.uk A report for 2021 will be added shortly.

Ours is one of 10 Community Wildlife Groups monitoring Curlews in Shropshire. You can see where they operate, and what they found in 2019, 2020 and 2021, on the website too.

If you're interested in helping, or want more information, contact
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