

## **Strettons area Bird Survey**

Strettons area Community Wildlife Group and Church Stretton SOS branch

## **Curlew Lapwing and Other Target Species**

## New helpers wanted, please

The main target species are Lapwing and Curlew. We need more helpers, please. 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 32 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.

A meeting will be held at <u>7.30pm on Wednesday 22 March</u>, at the Methodist Church Hall, Watling St., Church Stretton, to report back on last year's results, and explain what's involved to new participants. There will be a practical 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 on the website www.ShropsCWGs.org.uk

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 (<a href="leo@leosmith.org.uk">leo@leosmith.org.uk</a>)
If you want to help, but can't make the meeting, we can make the necessary arrangements by email

