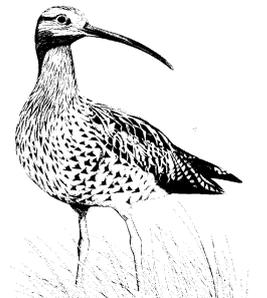


THE UPPER ONNY WILDLIFE GROUP

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Bird Survey: Curlew Lapwing and Other Target Species

New helpers wanted, please

We have been carrying out this survey since 2004. 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 125 Square Kilometres, roughly bounded by The Long Mynd and the Bishop's Castle to Shelve crossroads (A488). 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. We'd also like you to record Kestrel, Cuckoo, and other target species, but that's an optional extra.

People who have helped in previous years will be contacted directly and invited to participate again. Anyone else interested in participating should contact me (see below). I'll send last year's results, and explain what's involved.

There will be a meeting of the Bird Group to review the 2025 results, and discuss arrangements for the 2026 survey, at 7.30pm on Monday, 23 March at Bishop's Castle Town Hall.

There will be a practical fieldwork 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 leo@leosmith.org.uk

Survey Area

