

Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group Bird Survey 2026

Curlew Lapwing and Other Target Species

New helpers needed, please



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The Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group has been monitoring local Curlews, Lapwings and other birds since 2012. We are planning on starting the 2026 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.

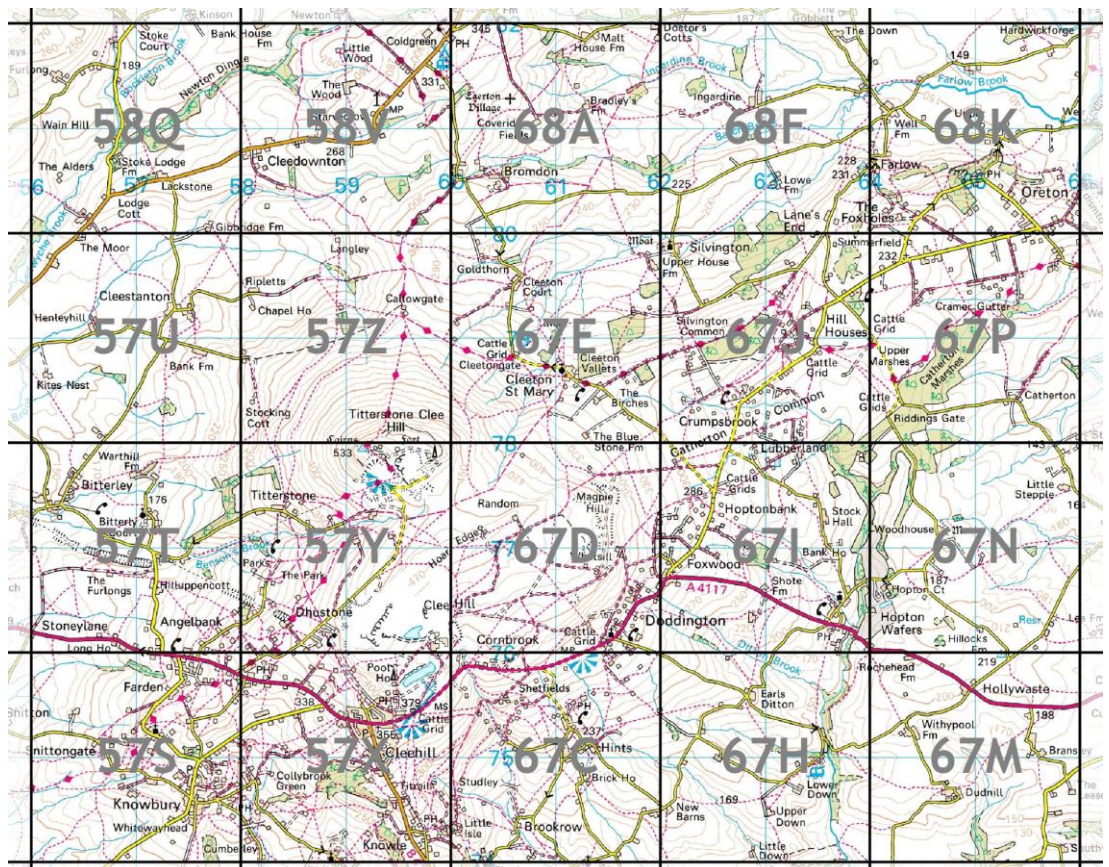
The main target species are Lapwing and Curlew. If you can recognise these two birds (and preferably their calls), you can make an important contribution.

The area covered by the Group can be seen on the map below. It 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 Red Kite, but that's an optional extra.

New helpers will be briefed by email, including the 2025 results. There will be a practical training session, explaining how to go about the survey, and record what you see, in early April, 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 tell me the rough area that you'd like to do, and I'll choose a square for you



Ours is one of 10 Community Wildlife Groups monitoring Curlews across Shropshire, so we contribute to the whole County picture.

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