

Hedgerows for Dormice

Dear Hedgerow Surveyor,

Thank you very much for volunteering your time to help with the *Hedgerows for Dormice* initiative coordinated by the People's Trust for Endangered Species. Hedgerows are hotspots for biodiversity and support a wide range of wildlife including many species which are endangered such as the hazel dormouse.

Supported by funding from Natural England's Countdown 2010 grant, this project will restore hedgerows to benefit wildlife by improving hedgerows in poor condition through inappropriate management and by planting new hedgerows where they have been removed. This will increase the amount of suitable habitat available to the dormouse and increase the habitat connectivity between known dormouse woodland sites allowing them to disperse for foraging and breeding. Hedgerows for Dormice will help achieve targets under both the Hazel Dormice and Hedgerows biodiversity action plans (BAP).

The HfD Team have been studying Ordnance Survey maps together with aerial photographs to identify priority hedgerow corridors between known dormouse sites. You have volunteered to undertake surveys of hedgerows in these corridors so that we can assess their condition and if necessary improve them for dormice.

We are very grateful that you have volunteered help the Hedgerows for Dormice project. Your survey pack contains the resources that you will need for the field survey including:

- Survey instructions
- Hedgerow Survey forms
- Hedgerow Plant ID Guide
- Management guidance sheet
- Adjacent land type guidance sheet
- Health and safety guidelines
- Time sheet

All of the above documents are available to download on our website www.ptes.org/hedgerows

You will also be given a set of ordnance survey maps and aerial photographs identifying hedgerows we would like you to survey.

Please remember that as a volunteer you are under no obligation to take part in this survey. There are health and safety guidelines within the survey pack, which should be read carefully. You should not put yourself or any others in danger.

Thank you for your help.



Best wishes

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