

# National Water Vole Monitoring Programme

## recording forms

Please ensure you have read the survey guidelines before doing your survey. Please complete the *Site information form* when you do your preliminary visit of your site. You will then need to complete the *NWVMP survey form* when you do your survey in May.

### Site information form

**1. Site number:** .....

**2. Habitat:**

Upland ☐

Lowland ☐

Coastal ☐

**3. Waterway type:**

river ☐ stream/burn ☐ lake/loch ☐ reed bed ☐ marsh ☐ bog ☐

pond ☐ canal ☐ reservoir ☐ ditch/dyke ☐ other ☐

*If other please specify:* .....

**4. Have water voles been reintroduced at this site?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

*If yes, please specify when the reintroduction happened:* .....

**5. Total number of transects at site (usually one):** .....

**6. Does mink control occur on this site?**

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

#### Your Transect details

**7. Start grid reference** (8 figure grid reference e.g. XX74736789) .....

**8. End grid reference** (8 figure grid reference e.g. XX74736789) .....

**9. Grid references of each 100m mark along your transect** (complete as many as is applicable to the length of your transect – you will not be asked to enter this data online):

100m	200m	300m	400m	500m	600m



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Site Number:	Transect No. (if applicable):	Bank surveyed (N/S/E/W):
Start grid ref:	End grid ref:	Transect length:
Survey date:	Surveyor:	

<b>Water vole signs in each 100m section of the transect</b> <i>(complete as many as is applicable to the length of your transect)</i>						
Field sign	0-100m	100-200m	200-300m	300-400m	400-500m	500-600m
Number of trampled latrines (trodden flat on top)						
Number of untrampled latrines						
<i>Please note the location of the <b>first</b> latrine that you encounter (Grid Reference or GPS)</i>						
<i>Please note the location of the <b>last</b> latrine that you encounter (Grid Reference or GPS)</i>						
Water vole feeding signs						
Burrows/nests (approximate no.)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Sighting:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:

<b>Mink/otter signs along the whole transect</b> (only record if you are <b>certain</b> of your identification and please take a photo including an object to indicate scale)	
Mink	Otter
<input type="checkbox"/> Scat  <input type="checkbox"/> Footprints  <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Spraint  <input type="checkbox"/> Footprints  <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting
Mink raft present <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Any comments on mink control at the site/transect	

***Data should be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> October each year***  
***Please enter all data online at [www.ptes.org/watervoles](http://www.ptes.org/watervoles)***

## Field sign record form (optional)

Please record the field sign detected (trampled/untrampled latrine, feeding station, burrow, sighting) and its GPS location			
Field sign	Location (Grid Reference or GPS)	Transect section: e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> 100m, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m	Comments
e.g. <i>trampled latrine</i>	<i>SN6447725383</i> <i>or</i> <i>Lat: 51.910444</i> <i>Long: -3.9716113</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> 100m section</i>	<i>Fresh droppings</i>

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Field sign	Location (Grid Reference or GPS)	Transect section: e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> 100m, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m	Comments

*If you would like to make a record of where on your transect the field signs were, you can print off a copy of your map and mark the location of the field signs on it. You can then either scan or take a photo of your map and upload it as a supporting document when you submit your data online.*

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**Appendix 1.** Examples of filled in (i) site information form and (ii) National Water Vole Monitoring Programme survey form.

**EXAMPLE Site information form**

**1. Site number:** *Site 945*

**2. Habitat:**

Upland ☐

Lowland ☒

Coastal ☐

**3. Waterway type:**

river ☒ stream/burn ☐ lake/loch ☐ reed bed ☐ marsh ☐ bog ☐  
pond ☐ canal ☐ reservoir ☐ ditch/dyke ☐ other ☐

If other please specify: .....

**4. Have water voles have been reintroduced at this site?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't know ☐

If yes, please specify when the reintroduction happened: .....

**5. Total number of transects at site (usually one):** ...1.....

**6. Does mink control occur on this site?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't know ☐

**Your Transect**

**7. Start grid reference** (8 figure grid reference e.g. XX74736789) ... *SN64472537*.....

**8. End grid reference** (8 figure grid reference e.g. XX74736789) ...*SN64532469*.....

**9. Grid references of each 100m mark along your transect** (complete as many as is applicable to the length of your transect – you will not be asked to enter this data online):

100m	200m	300m	400m	500m	600m
<i>SN64482529</i>	<i>SN64482520</i>	<i>SN64462510</i>	<i>SN64422501</i>	<i>Same as above</i>	<i>n/a</i>





## EXAMPLE National Water Vole Monitoring Programme survey form

Site Number: <i>945</i>	Transect No. (if applicable): <i>1</i>	Bank surveyed (N/S/E/W): <i>E</i>
Start grid ref: <i>SN64472537</i>	End Grid ref: <i>SN64532469</i>	Transect length: <i>500m</i>
Survey date: <i>02/05/2015</i>	Surveyor: <i>E. Thomas</i>	

Water vole signs in each 100m section of the transect (complete as many as is applicable to the length of your transect)						
Field sign	0-100m	100-200m	200-300m	300-400m	400-500m	500-600m
Number of trampled latrines (trodden flat on top)	III	IIII			HHH	
Number of untrampled latrines	I	HHH I			II	
Please note the location of the <b>first</b> latrine that you encounter (Grid Reference/GPS)	<i>SN6447325370</i>	<i>SN6449625273</i>			<i>SN6449324814</i>	
Please note the location of the <b>last</b> latrine that you encounter (Grid Reference/GPS)	<i>SN6449325283</i>	<i>SN6448025171</i>			<i>SN6452424718</i>	
Water vole feeding signs	IIII	HHH HHH			HHH HHH	
Burrows/nests (approximate no.)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Sighting:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many: II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many: III	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so how many:

Mink/otter signs (only record if you are <b>certain</b> of your identification and please take a photo including an object to indicate scale)	
Mink	Otter
<input type="checkbox"/> Scat <input type="checkbox"/> Footprints <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spraint <input type="checkbox"/> Footprints <input type="checkbox"/> Sighting
Mink raft present <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Any comments on mink control at the site/transect	
<i>Mink control has been happening along this river for the last five years</i>	