**National Water Vole Monitoring Programme**

**recording forms**

Please complete the following: 1. ***preliminary*** ***site information form*** when you do a recce of your site. You will then need to complete 2. the ***survey recording form*** (page 2) when you do your water vole survey between 15th April and 15th June. We hope that you enjoy your survey!

**Grid references:** we find the best place to find grid references is from [www.gridreferencefinder.com](http://www.gridreferencefinder.com).

1. **Preliminary site information form**

**To be completed when you first register/sign up for a site.**

**Helps to get an understanding of the habitat.**

**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 just one)***: ………………………………………….

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

Yes  No  Don’t know

**Lastly, your transect details.** If you are completing multiple transects please fill out separate recording forms for each transect. Most sites have **one 500m transect** along a waterway.

**7. Start grid reference** (*8 or 10-figure grid reference e.g. SU94950175*) ………………………………………….

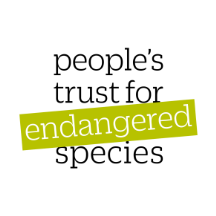
**8.** **End grid reference** (*8 or 10-figure grid reference e.g. SU94950175*) ……………………….………………….

**When you have completed your preliminary survey, please fill out the site information form online at** [**https://watervoles.ptes.org/auth/login**](https://watervoles.ptes.org/auth/login)

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| Site Number:  **2. National Water Vole Monitoring Programme survey recording form**  **Print these out to take on your survey with you, between 15th April – 15th June.** | Transect No. (if applicable): | Bank surveyed (N/S/E/W): |
| Start grid ref: | End grid ref: | Transect length: |
| Survey date: | Surveyor: | |

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| **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 (flat on top) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of untrampled latrines |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Please note the location of the* ***first*** *latrine that you encounter (Grid Reference or GPS)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Please note the location of the* ***last*** *latrine that you encounter (Grid Reference or GPS)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water vole feeding signs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Burrows/nests (approximate no.) | None  1-5  6 - 10  More than 10 | None  1-5  6 - 10  More than 10 | None  1-5  6 - 10  More than 10 | None  1-5  6 - 10  More than 10 | None  1-5  6 - 10  More than 10 | None  1-5  6 - 10  More than 10 |
| Water vole sighting | No  Yes, how many: | No  Yes, how many: | No  Yes, how many: | No  Yes, how many: | No  Yes, how many: | No  Yes, how many: |

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| **Mink/otter signs along the whole transect**  (only record if you are ***certain*** of your identification and please take a photo including an object to indicate scale) | |
| **Mink** | **Otter** |
| □ Scat  □ Footprints  □ Sighting | □ Spraint  □ Footprints  □ Sighting |
| Mink raft present □ Yes □ No □ Don’t know | |
| Any comments on mink control at the site/transect | |
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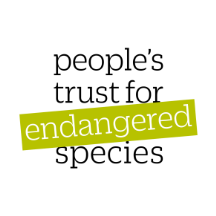


**Thank you!**

**Now that you have completed your survey, please input your results online at** [**https://watervoles.ptes.org/auth/login**](https://watervoles.ptes.org/auth/login)

**Data should be submitted by the 31st October each year**

If you encounter problems submitting your data online, please email [watervoles@ptes.org](mailto:watervoles@ptes.org)

**Field sign record form** ***(optional)***

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| 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. 1st 100m, 3rd 100m | Comments |
| e.g.  *trampled latrine* | *SN6447725383*  *or*  *Lat:* *51.910444*  *Long:* *-3.9716113* | *1st 100m section* | *Fresh droppings* |

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*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.*