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Silverlake Conservation and Community Fund

INTERIM REPORT

Please find a framework for a brief report to the panel on your projects progress below. If you have any images of the work completed to date then please do include them at the end of the form or attached to an email and send to Caroline.J.Kelly@dorsetcouncil.org.uk

Please enter the title and who s delivering the project immediately below:

Project Title: Habitats and Species of the Silverlake Area: Further Survey of SNCIs

Lead for delivery: Fiona Wood, Dorset Environmental Records Centre

1. Project Progress

Please use a RAG rating on the following:

Overall – G

Aim- This project will survey five sites that have not been surveyed since 2014 or earlier, as well as two new areas that have the potential to be selected as SNCIs.

Each survey report will include the habitats and species recorded alongside management advice for the landowners with recommendations on how to improve the habitats present for wildlife. There might also be an opportunity to direct landowners to apply to the Silverlake Conservation and Community Fund to help fund management interventions. - **G**

Objective 1- An SNCI/potential SNCI report will be produced for each of the seven surveyed. - **G**

Objective 2- All species will be entered onto Living Record where they can be verified. Later the data will be imported to the DERC Recorder database – **G**

Objective 5 - All SNCI reports will be submitted to the SNCI Panel for assessment - **G**

Objective - Reports will be sent out to their individual landowners following SNCI panel meetings. - **G**

R=RED project delivery not on time/planned/delay/overbudget. Requires a meeting with fund co-ordinator to discuss, A=AMBER project has slight delays/changes required. Project lead should be able to resolve without assistance. G=GREEN project running according to plan

1. Activities delivered to date:

Completed-

Five SNCIs have been surveyed within the Silverlake Conservation and Community Fund Area:

Empool Bottom SY78-030



Five Marys SY78-031
Outer Heath SY78-038
Bascombe Barn SY78-043
The Glebe Meadow SY88-045

Two potential SNCIs have also been surveyed:
Winfrith Prison Fields (part of Dorset Wildlife Trust reserve and a habitat restoration site)
Little Wood, Puddletown (possible ancient woodland)

The reports and mapping for Empool Bottom and Bascombe Barn are complete with the surveys having been past the SNCI panel in June. The work on Little Wood, Puddletown is also complete although this potential site has not yet been discussed by the SNCI panel. Species records for these sites have been added to Living Record.

The other reports are almost complete with much of the mapping carried out. Species records from some of the sites have been added to Living Record.

Not yet Complete-

The remaining four reports and mapping need to be finalised, with all the records added to Living Records.

Reports to be submitted to the SNCI panel and sent out to landowners.

Activities planned next month/quarter/6 month-

The write-ups of the reports and the habitat mapping will be completed for delivery by the end of December. The final project report will be submitted.

It is anticipated that the reports will be discussed at the SCNI panel meeting in January where it is hoped that the new sites will be selected as SNCIs. Following the panel meeting the reports, including management advice and details about applying to the SC&CF, will be passed by the Dorset Wildlife Trust on to landowners.

Sustainability planned-

N/A

1. Risks, Issues and Changes

Please detail any identified risks and issues since the start of the project as well as detail of required changes for the project to be effectively delivered.

A full survey at Five Marys SNCI was not possible due to scrub expansion preventing access to the middle of the site.

Gaining access permission to five SNCIs in the Silverlake area was not easy. Particularly difficult was gaining access to potential new sites. Several letters and emails were written with no response.

Photos of the sites surveyed



Photo 1: Wet woodland, Empool Bottom



Photo 2: Unimproved calcareous grassland, Five Marys



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Figure 3: Heathland, Outer Heath



Figure 4: Ancient Ash tree with ground flora dominated by Hemlock Water-dropwort, Bascombe Barn



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Photos 5: Unimproved grassland, The Glebe Meadow



Photo 6: Bluebell dominated Hazel coppice at Little Wood, Puddletown



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Photo 7: Wetland and rush pasture at Winfrith Prison Fields