



How to share your sightings and survey data

Many of the Springline events will introduce you to national citizen science surveys and/or apps that can be used to log your sightings.

Click on the links below to get involved, and if prompted select "Springline Project" if you decide to submit your data from the project area.

All wildlife - option 1 for regular wildlife recorders

If you already know how to identify at least a few species and want to submit your records with or without photos please add them to iRecord. Your records will be visible on the iRecord website, and you will be able to see progress by visiting the Springline Project Activity page on iRecord. You can use the iRecord website (which allows individual records to be entered, and also has the option to upload records from a spreadsheet), or the iRecord app (which includes image recognition and can help suggest identifications for your photos).

iRecord website: <https://irecord.org.uk/>

iRecord app: <https://irecord.org.uk/app>

Springline Project Activity:

https://irecord.org.uk/activities/summary?group_id=3144&implicit=



All wildlife - option 2 for new wildlife recorders

If you are new to wildlife recording and are seeking extra help with identifying what you have seen and photographed, you may find the iNaturalist website and app helpful. iNaturalist uses image recognition to suggest species identifications, and also has an active community of users who help each other with checking and confirming identifications. This only works if you have a photo of what you've seen! Observations added to iNaturalist get shared to iRecord and in most cases should be included in the Springline Project Activity page on iRecord. If you are using iNaturalist, please set your record licence to CC BY so that your records can be used for conservation and research (you can choose a separate licence for photos, but for the actual records CC BY is the most helpful choice).

iNaturalist UK website (also has links to the iNaturalist app):

<https://uk.inaturalist.org/>



Find out more about The Springline Project at:
www.cholseyparishcouncil.gov.uk/The-Springline-Project

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Owls

Owl sightings can be reported to the Owl Conservation Project (OCP). OCP record owl populations and monitoring them enabling them to build a better picture of where they are, where they're not and their behaviour. They use this information in formulating habitat plans. Details of the information OCP require can be found on their website, as well as the 'Owl Sightings Data' form.

<https://www.owlconservationproject.org.uk/sightings>



Bats

The National Bat Monitoring Programme surveys are carefully designed so that anybody can take part in monitoring these fascinating but easily overlooked mammals. As well as being of great value to bat conservation, the surveys are fun and rewarding to carry out. They usually involve visiting a roost or potential foraging site on two evenings in the summer. The Bat Conservation trust run different surveys which cater to different levels of experience and knowledge.

<https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/national-bat-monitoring-programme/surveys>



Moths

Moth records should ideally be added to iRecord, via the website or app. If using the website there is a recording form specifically for moths that you can use, or if using the app there is a moth survey option within the app (which also allows the use of image recognition). You can also use iNaturalist for moths, but iRecord is the preferred option if possible. Moth records will be included in the Springline Project Activity page on iRecord.

iRecord website - moth recording form:

<https://irecord.org.uk/enter-moth-sightings>



Birds

We recommend submitting bird records via BirdTrack app or website. If walking the Springline project loop, then select the "Springline Project North" or "...South" (depending on where you are walking) and the records will be included in the Springline project.

If you want to improve your skills in identifying birdsong while walking, then you can try the Merlin app. It may not always be perfectly correct (so don't submit records unless you see the bird as well), but it is very good for learning.

<https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/birdtrack>



Pollinating insects

The Flower-Insect Timed Count (FIT Count) is a 10-minute survey of insects visiting a patch of flowers, run as part of the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme. FIT Counts can be done anywhere, including gardens and parks, in warm, dry weather from 1 April to 30 September. Insects are identified into broad groups (bumblebees, hoverflies etc.) so you don't have to be an expert to take part. Results can be submitted either from a printable recording form via the PoMS website or via the FIT Count app, which includes a simple guide to the different insect groups.

<https://ukpoms.org.uk/fit-counts>



Wasps

The Big Wasp Survey aims to find out more about social wasps across the UK. It runs over two sessions each year, one at the start of August and one in late August-September. To take part, you need to make a simple trap based on a plastic drinks bottle (full instructions provided on the website and at Springline sessions), register your trap, hang it about 1.5m from the ground in your garden for exactly 7 days, collect your catch and identify the wasps before entering your data online. The website has lots of useful online training and video guides as well as information about the wasps you might encounter.

<https://www.bigwaspsurvey.org/>

