

# Cheshire region Brown Hare Transect Survey



## Survey Method

1. Select area of farmland you either own, manage or have access to via Rights of Way or access agreement. Identify a suitable area to survey.
2. Start and finish the transect walk at identifiable landmarks, which should be marked on the survey record sheet
3. Note the start and finish times of the Survey
4. Select a comfortable and even walking pace, undertake your walk looking out for hares
5. Every 100 metres, pause for 1 minute looking all around for hares.
6. The grid is provided as an aid. The central arrow represents your route.

In relation to this please plot

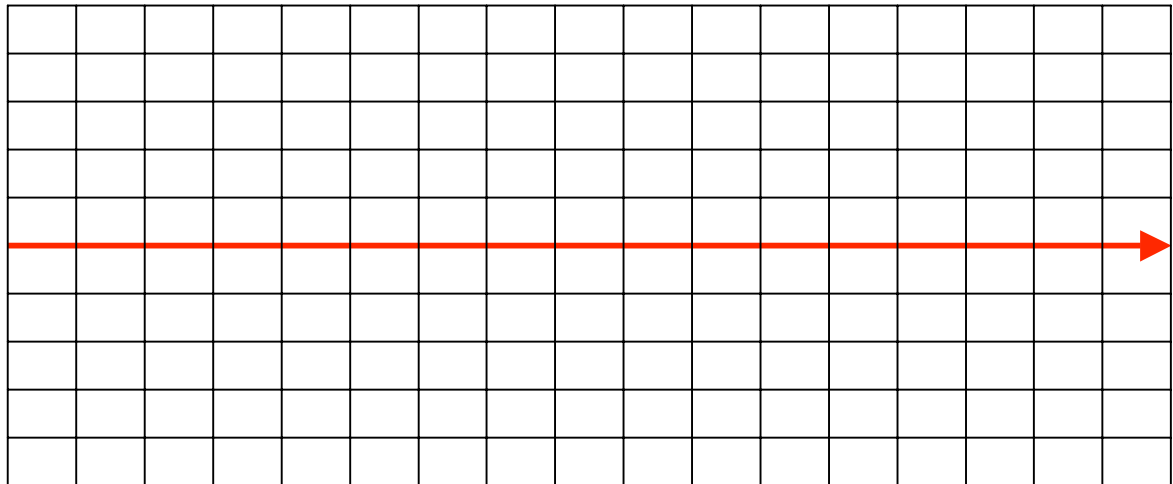
- (i) habitats present in relation to the transect line
- (ii) hares seen with a X

7. Finally, using the same walking pace, time how long you take to walk 100m and count how many paces you took to walk 100m

<b>Name:</b>					
<b>Contact Address:</b>		<b>Telephone and/ or Email</b>			
<b>Location of transect walk -</b> start & end grid reference or mark on grid a local landmark (we may contact you for further details of location)					
<b>Date of transect walk:</b>		<b>Start time:</b>		<b>Finish Time:</b>	
<b>Time taken to walk 100m:</b>		<b>Total number of hares observed:</b>			
<b>Weather Conditions (please tick):</b> Windy <input type="checkbox"/> clear visibility <input type="checkbox"/> poor visibility <input type="checkbox"/>			<b>Other factors eg disturbance</b>		

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### **Transect Route Record** – Minimum transect length to be walked - 1 kilometre



- Walk the route at your own pace and using the grid as an aid, mark hares observed as you walk, using a X. Also, at every 100m stop for 1 minute and have a good look round for hares (set your own scale for mapping transect width and length)
- Again using the grid, map the habitat types in their relative positions to the transect line

Thank you for helping with the Cheshire region Brown Hare Survey

Please send your completed survey form to:

The Brown Hare Group  
c/o Countdown Coordinator,  
Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Grebe House, Reaseheath, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DG

The data you supply will be held at the Cheshire Local Biological Records Centre and used conservation research work. The Cheshire Local Record Centre is a partner organisation of the Brown Hare Group.