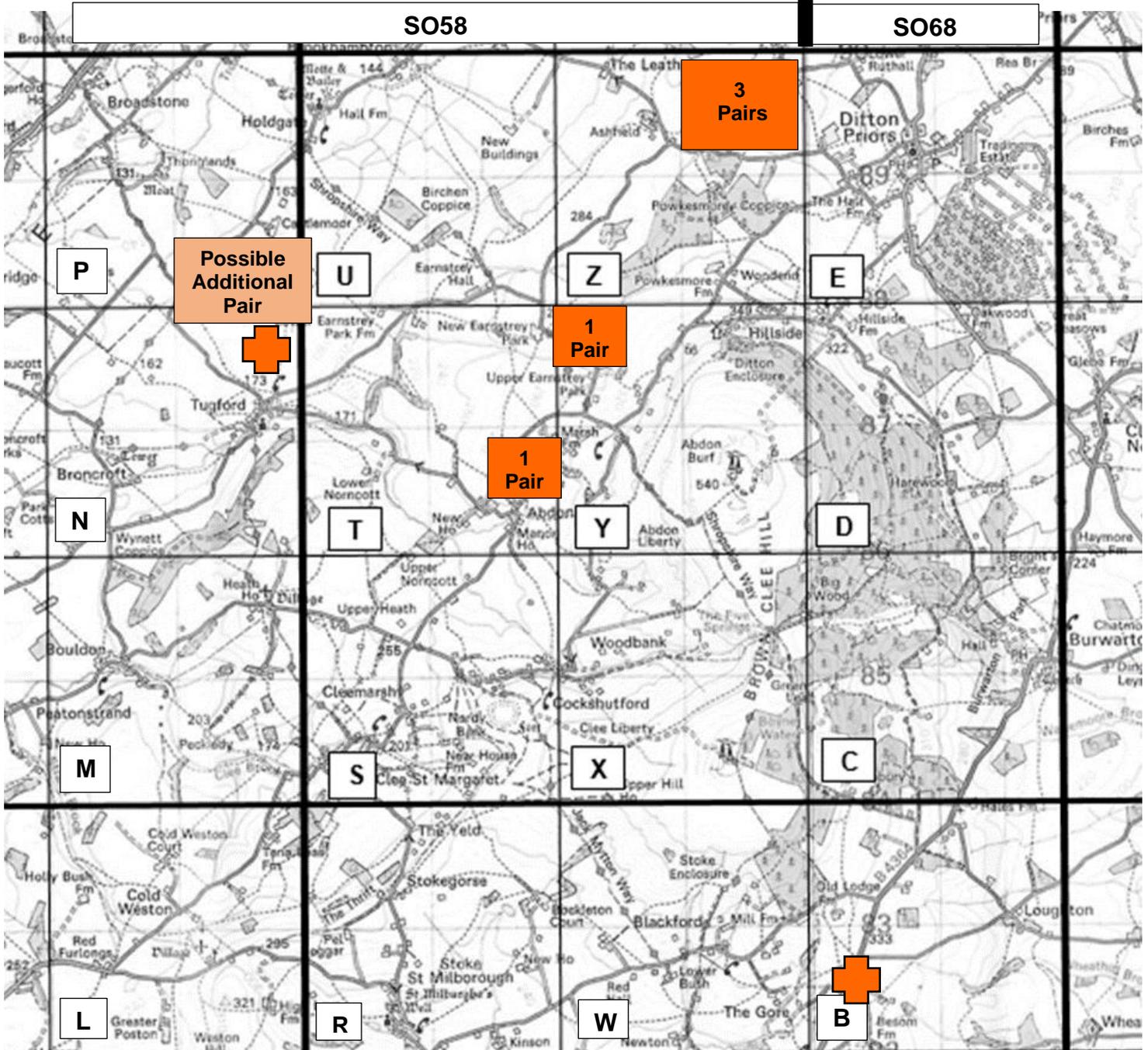


Abdon District Community Wildlife Group

Survey Results 2020: Curlew (nests and territories)

Survey Area: 16 tetrads (2x2 km squares on the OS National Grid) in 10km Squares SO58 & SO68.
The thicker lines define the smaller area (9 tetrads) surveyed in 2018



Curlew Nests and Territories 2021

SO58L: Unlike 2019 and 2020, no Curlews were recorded in this square on any of the three survey visits, but a pair was recorded to the west of the square, in the Clee Hill CWG area. Previous reports have said birds recorded in this square may not nest in the Abdon area, and this seems likely.

SO58N: One pair laid 4 eggs, the nest was found and fenced by the estate gamekeeper, and four chicks were ringed, but none fledged.

SO58P: A nest was found last year, and while a single Curlew was seen in 2021, there was no evidence of a pair.

SO58T: A nest was found last year, but while Curlews (including a pair) were seen and heard in the early season, there were no records after 27 April, suggesting that any breeding attempt failed early.

SO58W: Not surveyed, a pair seen there in 2020 and 2019 now believed to be foraging by the pair in SO68B.

SO58Y: A traditional breeding site with a pair there each year 2018-21

SO58Z: Records again suggest 3 pairs in the northern half of this square, the same as 2018-20. A nest site was reported by a landowner, and a Curlew was seen driving off a crow nearby, while behaviour indicating two broods of chicks was seen in mid-June in different parts of the square.

SO68B: A nest was found on 3 May, and fenced by the SOS Save our Curlews project, but the eggs did not hatch. A second nest was found, 1km to the south, in SO68A in the Clee Hill CWG area.

Population estimate: 7-8 pairs, compared to 10 pairs in 2020 and 8-10 pairs in 2019