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Subject: Seven Fields Harvest Mouse search

Good Morning.

As part of the Swindon Forest Meadows Project I would like to ask permission to visit Seven Fields Local Nature Reserve on Thursday 26th at 11:00 for two hours. Trained volunteers will be searching for Harvest Mouse nests as part of the Mammals Societies, National Harvest Mouse Nest search.

Although Harvest Mice do not hibernate (they tend to be on or just below ground at this time of year) the woven breeding nests can still be found in taller vegetation. Uncut edges to the fields and paths edges can be searched.

Since training this group of volunteers we have found signs of Harvest Mouse on all sites we have searched (including a good population at Mouldon Hill Country Park in the D Shaped Wild flower meadow). Harvest Mice are rarely seen and the nest searches are the best way to determine presence or absence.

Volunteers will be fully cover by Risk Assessment and Insurance (Provided by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust) although this is a very low risk activity.

Any records will be submitted to the Wiltshire and Swindon Biological Records Centre and a summary and photographs can be sent directly to you.

I hope this will be acceptable.

Regards

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