



ERAMMP Newsletter Spring 2022

ERAMMP National Field Survey 2022

Welcome to the spring 2022 (not quite spring we know, but it is close!) newsletter from the Environment and Rural Affairs Monitoring & Modelling Programme (ERAMMP). In this edition, we look forward to the 2022 National Field Survey plans.

The National Field Survey assesses the effect of the Glastir sustainable farm scheme by surveying land inside and outside the Glastir scheme, reporting on national trends in our countryside. The 2022 field survey season planning is in full swing with the first surveyor visits scheduled for early April!



Thank you for all access permissions received

Land access permission request letters have been sent, please respond.

Thank you to all who have responded to our access permission letters sent out just before Christmas. Your support of the National Field Survey is vitally important for us to ensure the data we gather is impactful for farming policy and our countryside.

Last year we had a fantastic 73% permission granted, despite challenging times with covid guidance. This made for a successful field campaign, with 27 surveyors covering the whole of Wales and collecting botanical, woodland, pollinator, soils, historic features and freshwater data.

If you have not yet responded to our permission request by letter or phone, may we ask you do so as soon as possible? This helps us plan an effective survey and saves us having to follow up with you in the next few weeks.

If you have not received a letter recently, don't worry, this likely means we will not be visiting your land this year.



Plans for the National Field Survey 2022

Teams of specialist surveyors will record data from April to October.

The ERAMMP National Field Survey records and assesses the condition of habitats, woodlands, hedges, soils, plants, streams, ponds, historic features & public rights of way. It also records the numbers and species of individual birds and pollinating insects.

The table gives a breakdown of the individual surveys and timings

Survey Teams	Month	Time of Day
Botanical	May – Sep.	8am - 6pm
Woodland and Historic Features	May – Oct.	8am - 6pm
Birds & public footpaths	Apr. & May	2 times, early morning
Soils	May	9am - 6pm
Freshwater	Jun. – Aug.	8am-6pm

During 2022, it will survey another 80+ preselected 1km squares. Building on the 2021 survey, as well as others like the Glastir Monitoring & Evaluation Programme (GMEP) survey conducted 2013-2016, the Countryside Survey and the Breeding Bird Survey.



The National Field Survey has several individual specialist surveys, which record data at the same location. This enables an understanding of the links and interactions between natural resources such as plant biodiversity, bird and pollinator numbers, soil and water. The specialist surveys take place at different times, e.g. in the early morning, birds are surveyed.

Data collected on land in 2021 will be sent to farmers and land managers later in spring 2022. Publication of the national scale final survey results will be made publicly available at a later date.

Union support for the National Field Survey

NFU & FUW show support for the National Field Survey

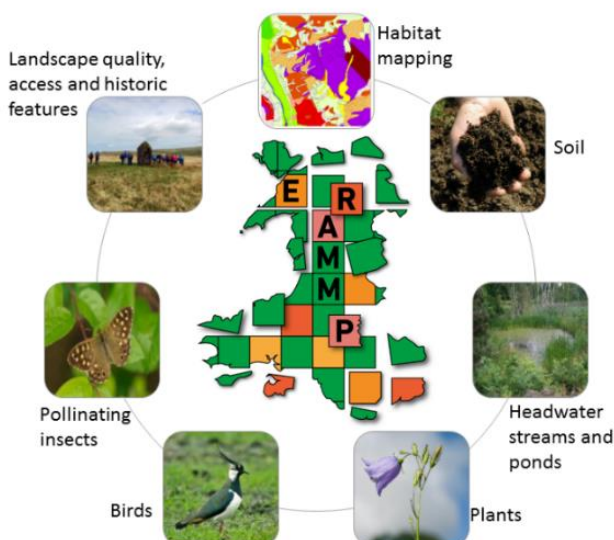
“The reliable, robust scientific evidence gathered by ERAMMP Field Survey allows the effectiveness and value for money of Glastir to be assessed, which is extremely important, especially for farmers and land managers to see what has been achieved through being in the Glastir scheme.”

National Farmers Union (NFU) of Wales



“The National Field Survey is an important part of evaluating the impact Glastir has on our farmed environment.”

Farmers Union Wales (FUW)



Find out more about the National Field Survey & ERAMMP

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