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NAME OF SURVEYOR:

To whom it may concern

The holder of this letter is providing a voluntary service, carrying out survey work for a national long term biodiversity monitoring programme - the BTO/JNCC/RSPB Breeding Bird Survey/Waterways Breeding Bird Survey, BTO/RSPB/JNCC Wetland Bird Survey / Breeding Waders of Wet Meadows/ Heronries Survey / Woodcock Survey/ Nest Record Scheme/ Nesting Neighbours/ Ringing Scheme].

They are volunteering for British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), an independent research trust and Registered Charity, and carrying out the monitoring work on behalf of BTO, RSPB and nature conservation agencies (Joint Nature Conservation Committee on behalf of Natural England in England) under the 'voluntary or charitable services' reason for leaving the home. This means that survey volunteers can continue survey activities within England without restrictions on the distances travelled or group sizes involved. The survey work is guided by an organisational risk assessment, which includes full assessment of risks relating to Covid-19. Our volunteers are urged to remain local as far as possible, and to follow all public guidance related to social distancing and reducing the risks of Covid-19 transmission (see [www.bto.org/covid19](http://www.bto.org/covid19)).

Most such survey work can be carried out within the restrictions that apply to the general public (at the time of writing). Due to the relative location of volunteers and their survey areas, however, some sites that require monitoring may necessitate travelling further within England. Our volunteers are urged only to travel further for these purposes if all other measures to reduce transmission risk are strictly followed.

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