Somerset, UK December 2017

## SUPPLEMENTAL SURVEY RESULTS 2017 EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK

Somerset Otter Group, summary of the James Williams Survey, 2 day Event.

## **Greater Exmoor**

In 2009 the Devon side of Exmoor National Park was included in the 2 Day Survey of Somerset for the first time. The 'Greater Exmoor' survey area includes Clatworthy Reservoir, part of the River Tone, Donniford stream and waterways running beyond the Park.

## **Totals**

This years 2 day Survey results shown alongside those of 2009.

| EXMOOR TOTALS              | 2009    | 2017    |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total sites checked        | 187     | 188     |
| Sites Positive             | 151     | 133     |
| % Sites positive           | 81%     | 71%     |
| Hits<br>Near Misses        | 44<br>8 | 21<br>9 |
| Near Misses<br>Total Score | 8<br>52 | 9<br>30 |
| Adjudicated ranges         | 23      | 22      |
| % of total sites with hits | 23%     | 11%     |
| % of positive sites with   | (6 )    | -       |

| % of positive sites with<br>hits | 29%       | 16%  |
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## **Survey Records**

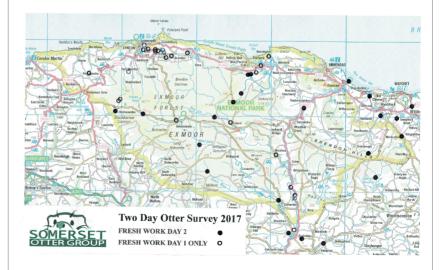
Relevant records are sent to the Devon Environmental Records Centre.



This year's 2 day event took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. 13 people surveyed 13 patches on the Devon side of the Park. 69 sites were checked, 51 of these were positive for otter evidence with one fresh spraint, a hit, recorded on the second day. 7 near misses, assumed fresh, were found on the Saturday. There were 3 Blank patches.

22 people covered 33 patches on the Somerset side. 119 sites, 82 of which were positive for otter signs, 21 fresh signs, hits, on Sunday. 2 near misses, fresh on the Saturday but no fresh found on the Sunday. There were 5 Blank patches.

There were 22 Adjudicated otter ranges.



The map omits the Donniford stream.