



**Hampshire &
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Hurst & Keyhaven Coastal Engagement project

HIWWT lead the Hurst & Keyhaven Coastal Nature Reserve Forum est. Oct 2023.

Currently 21 organisations, charities & individuals.

Working together for the common cause of raising awareness of the rare and protected flora and fauna of this part of the coast.

- NFBF Small Grant £4,100 enabled volunteers to have access to fieldwork clothing & equipment.
- Through engagement, Volunteers provide education and information to visitors, allowing them to make informed decisions when using the area, that will help protect habitats and species.
- We have trained volunteers in public engagement, recording species, recreational activities and disturbance to wildlife.
- We are pooling data with Bird Aware Solent; results feeding into a wider project by the Marine Management Organisation assessing the impact of non licensable activities on birds.



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Coastal Engagement Volunteers

- Recruited 4 Volunteers
- **Provided with a start-up Winter Pack**
 - WhatsApp
 - H&S, Tide, Sunrise & Sunset times
 - Recording criteria & methods
 - Telescope & Tripod - 3 sets
 - Binoculars – x6
 - Coastal bird FSC Field Guides
 - Clicker/counter
 - Waterproof Coat & Overtrousers
 - Fleece & T-Shirt, Hi-Vis Vest
 - Tech set-up: Google calendar & data sheets

Ian Creasey -
Lead volunteer





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Coastal Engagement Survey Sheet

icreasey66@gmail.com [Switch account](#)
Not shared

* Indicates required question

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Please enter the date and time and conditions encountered during slot surveyed

Please enter the date of the survey.*
(use pop-up calendar to enter date in UK standard)

Date
09/02/2025

Shift time slot: *
10:00 - 13:00

Please enter slot start time
Time
10:00 AM

Please enter slot end time



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BIRD SIGHTINGS

Please enter the number of each species observed during the survey:

Bar-Tailed Godwit



Your answer

Black-Headed Gull



Your answer

Black-Tailed Godwit





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- 4 Engagement Zones
- 1-Hour sessions
- Zone - Time
- Weather & Tide status
- Engagement
- Showing people birds
- Information & awareness
- Scan - Bird species & numbers
- Recreational Activities
- Frequency & cause of bird disturbance



Results Dashboard

Dec-Feb

Total
Volunteer
Hours: **90.3**

Total People
Engaged: **202**

COASTAL ENGAGEMENT DASHBOARD

02/12/2024

06/02/2025

(FROM)

(TO)



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NUMBER OF SURVEYS COMPLETED

59

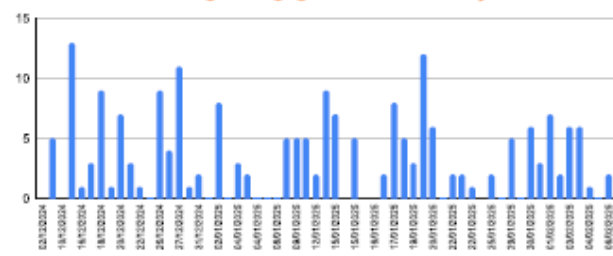
TOTAL HOURS SURVEYED

90.3

AVERAGE SURVEY LENGTH (HRS)

1.5

Meaningful Engagements Per Survey



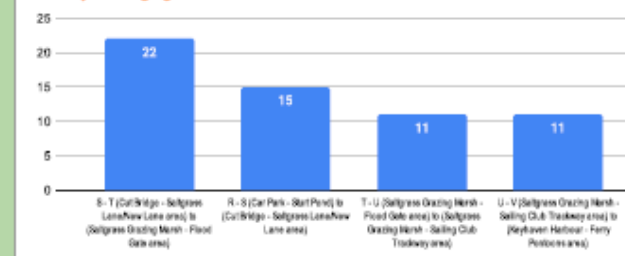
TOTAL MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENTS

202

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENTS PER SURVEY

3.8

Survey & Engagement Zones



TOTAL SPECIES OBSERVED

63

TOP TEN BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED

Species	Max seen	Times Seen	Total Seen
Brent Goose	652	44	8015
Dunlin	510	22	3069
Teal	343	35	2361
Black-Headed Gull	300	52	2096
Golden Plover	200	3	294
Wigeon	125	28	806
Turnstone	81	32	953
Knot	80	5	89
Black-Tailed Godwit	76	12	339
Mallard	67	40	593

MAX NUMBER OF BIRDS PER SURVEY

1041

MAX SPECIES DURING A SINGLE SURVEY

25

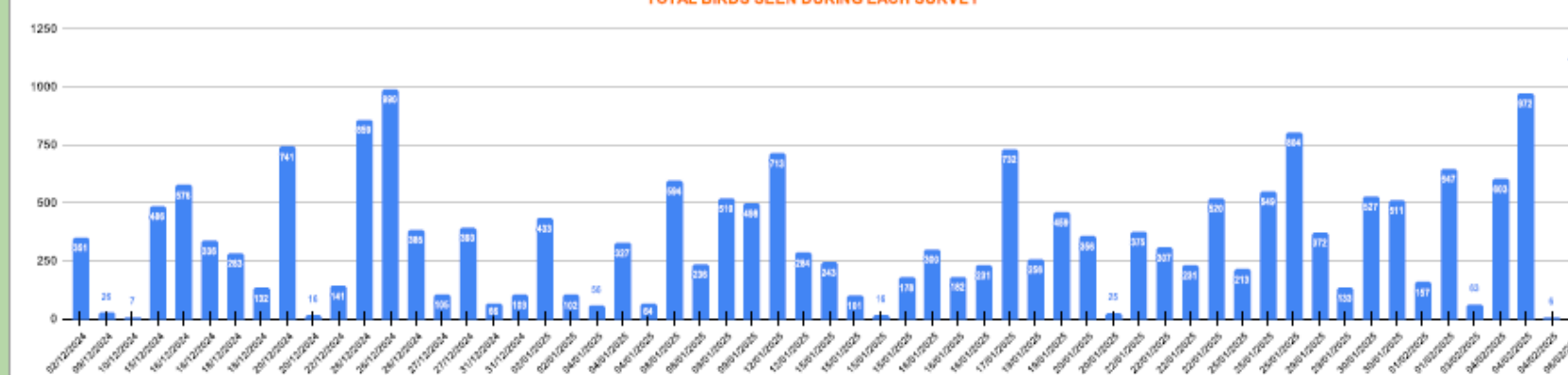
AVERAGE BIRDS PER SURVEY

355

AVERAGE BIRD SPECIES PER SURVEY

14

TOTAL BIRDS SEEN DURING EACH SURVEY

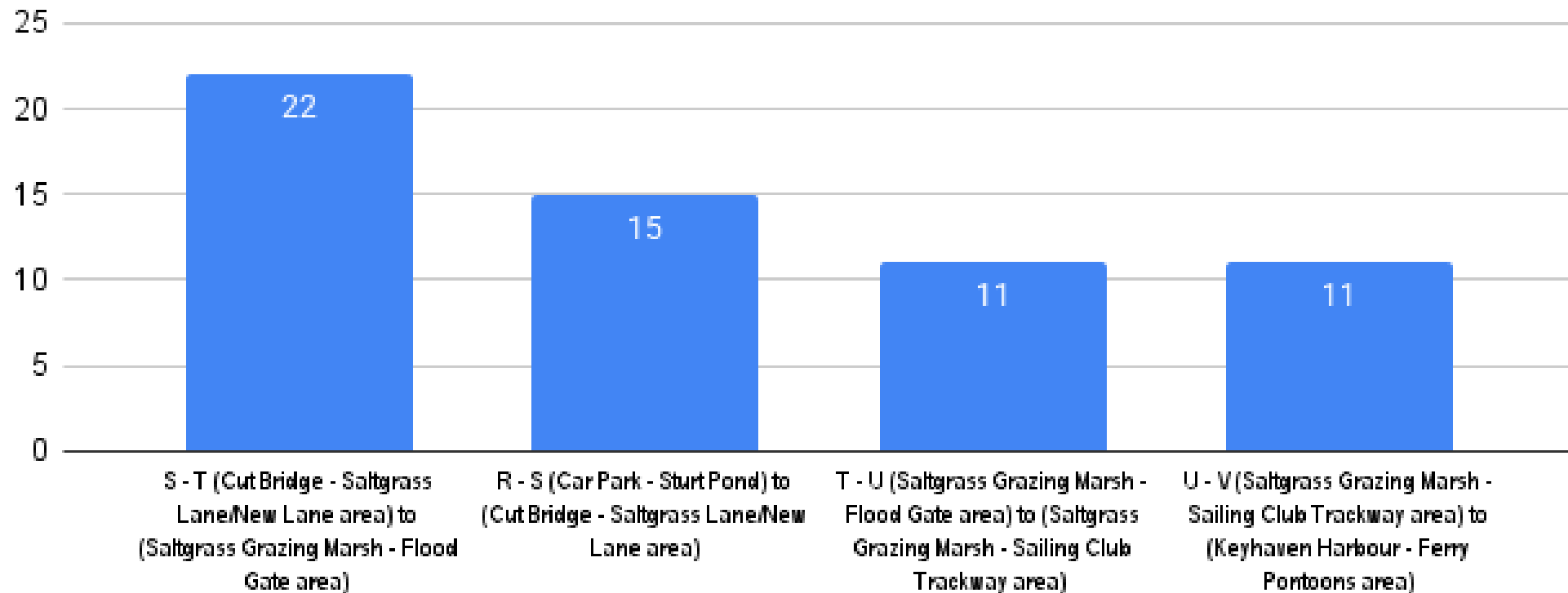




Number of sessions in each zone

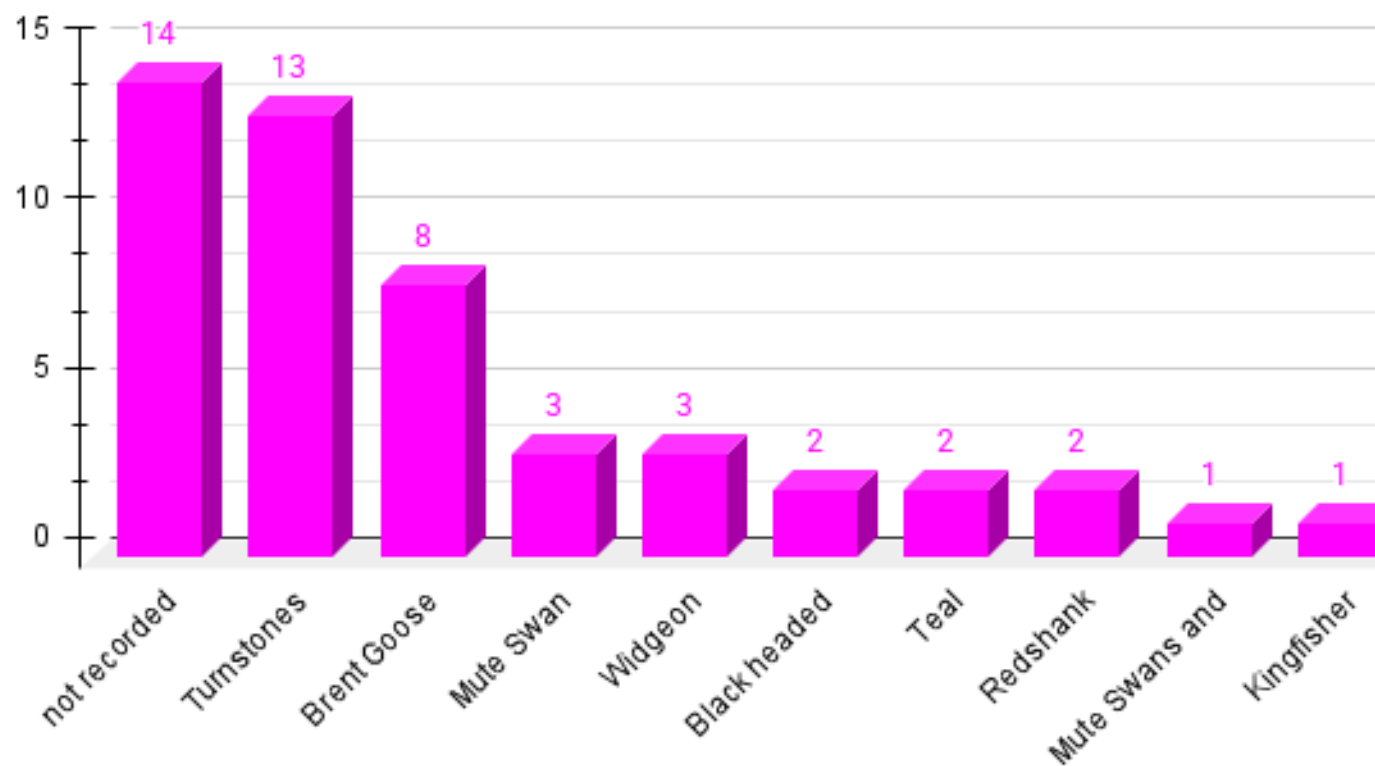
Survey & Engagement Zones

Dec – Feb = 59

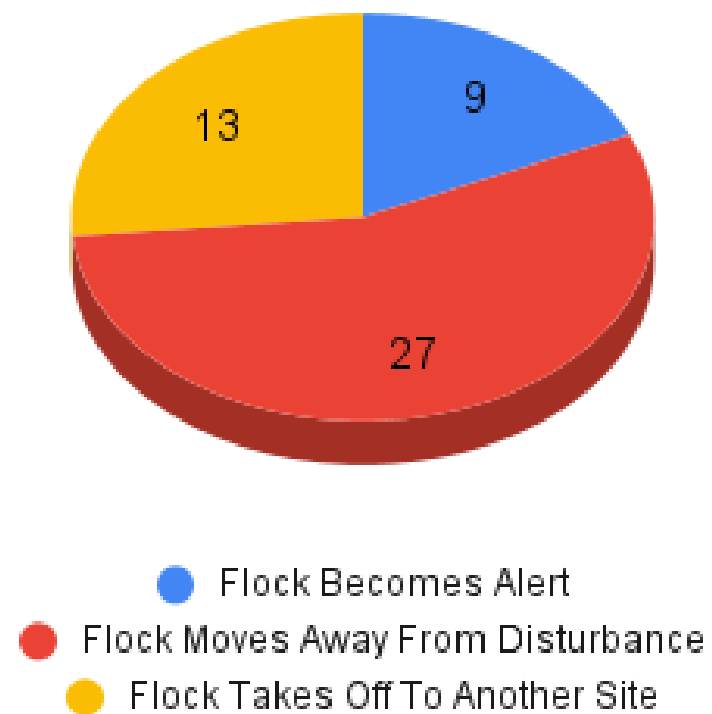




Number of Times Species Disturbed



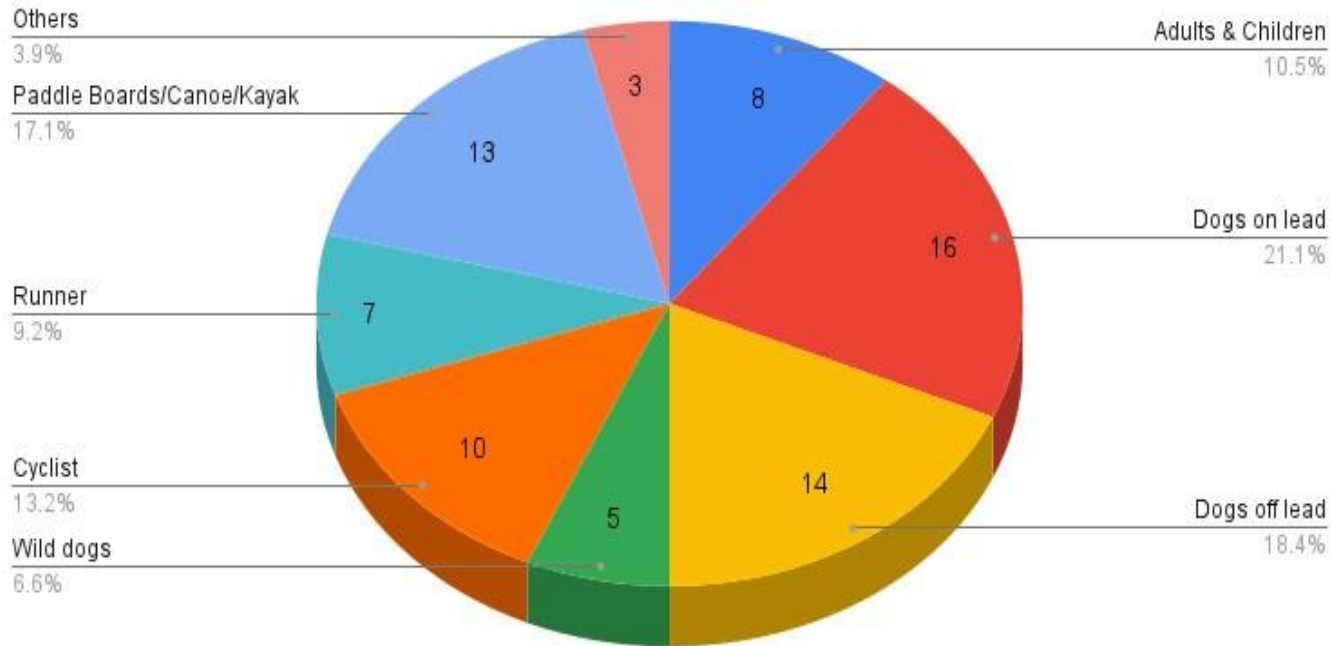
Disturbances By Type



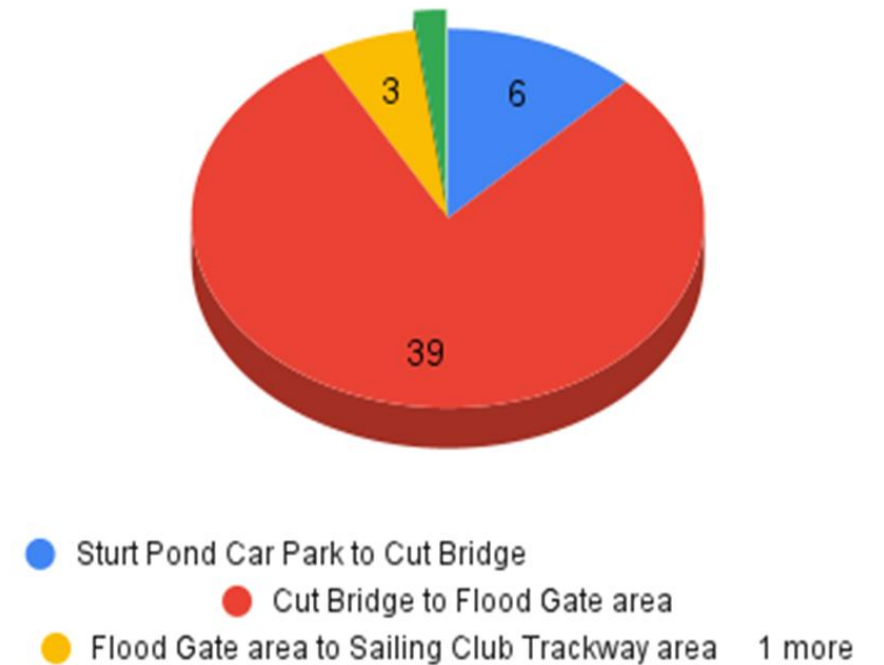


Disturbance to winter bird flocks

Activities Involved in Bird Disturbances



Disturbances By Zone





Comments from Engagement

2 fishermen unloading their boat (been out bass fishing on Hawkers Lake) - regulars and very knowledgeable about marine life – reported seeing 2 sandwich terns feeding.

1 kite surfer - had come down with his dad from Salisbury - said this was a regular spot for them but found it a bit too crowded out on the water with so many (kite surfers) present.

6 groups, one young family asked for help identifying a Curlew and told me about a Kingfisher they'd seen. They'd inherited bins from his father and were trying them out. Lots of good chats about sightings and what I was doing. Possible new volunteer.

I was in full Brent explanation talking to a couple, as we were watching this Little Egret which was jiggling his foot and scuffing up the mud in the channel. The Egret then suddenly strode to the bank, got out, turned around, pooped at high speed in front of us, then strode back into the water and carried on scuffing the seabed again without missing a beat. We just looked at each other and laughed !

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