

Motcombe Meadows Reptile Surveys

DARN (Dorset Amphibian and Reptile Network)



DARN is a county volunteer group that is affiliated to ARG UK - the national Amphibian and Reptile Group. Permission has been obtained to carry out long-term monitoring of Motcombe Meadows to study the reptile populations, particularly Slow-worms and Common Lizards.

All reptile species are experiencing a decline in numbers due to habitat loss and open spaces such as meadows and heathlands are very valuable resources for many species.

The survey will consist of corrugated roofing tiles being placed at intervals around the Meadows. These will be out of the way and will not interfere with normal activities. The tiles will be checked once a month and any reptile sightings will be recorded.

I know it will be tempting to look under the tiles but please don't. If there is too much disturbance then the reptiles will not use them. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

For more information on reptiles and DARN visit:

www.groups.arguk.org/DARN

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