

Proposed Selection of a Local Wildlife Site

Site Name: Hartburn Beck

Proposed Designation: Local Wildlife Site

Grid Reference: NZ 4275 1752 to NZ 4311 1779

Size (Hectares): 0.6 hectares

LWS Habitat or Species Type: M4 Water Vole (*Arvicola amphibious*) – All sites where a good population of water vole is present, including areas of suitable habitat that link good populations even when these areas are not currently occupied.

Surveyor and Date of Survey: Ian Bond (2014), Kirsty Pollard (2019), Mark Slaughter (2022)

Land Owner: Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

Description:

Hartburn Beck lies within Hartburn Six Fields, a countryside site between Hartburn Village and the A66. The wider area contains plantation woodland, open fields, a former brickworks pond and a number of cycling and walking routes. The beck corridor has benefitted from the creation of a number of ponds as part of a surface water management scheme. The Beck supports a well-established population of water voles; one of the UK's most threatened mammals.

Criteria Species Recorded

Water Vole (*Arvicola amphibious*)



Site Boundary

