

# Conserving the brown hare

## Teachers notes

**The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust** is an independent wildlife conservation charity which carries out scientific research into Britain's game and wildlife. We advise farmers and landowners on improving wildlife habitats and we lobby for agricultural and conservation policies based on science. We employ 14 post-doctoral scientists and 50 other research staff with expertise in areas such as birds, insects, mammals, farming and statistics. We undertake our own research as well as projects funded by contract and grant-aid from Government and private bodies. The Trust is also responsible for a number of Government Biodiversity Action Plan species and is lead partner for grey partridge and joint lead partner for brown hare and black grouse. Our website offers a wide range of research and project material which can be downloaded for your convenience. Other species which we are currently studying include:

grey partridge	red grouse	black grouse	capercaillie	
brown trout	ptarmigan	mountain	hare	pheasant
songbirds	fox	red deer	mink	

A copy of the 'Conserving the brown hare' leaflet is included in this pack.

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### Worksheet answers

1. To keep safe; to preserve; to maintain; to safeguard; to keep in a safe or sound state; to avoid wasteful or destructive use of .
2. Leveret.
3. Because it was once very common, was widespread and had declined significantly during the post-War period.
4. Biological diversity in an environment as indicated by numbers of different species of plants and animals
5. Mid-Victorian.
6. So that hares can escape the machinery into neighbouring fields.
7. A shallow depression in the ground where they can lie inconspicuously.

### Project pointers

1. Arrange a visit to an estate or farm where conservation measures are being carried out.
2. Continue research into the mountain/blue hare which lives in a completely different habitat. The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust can also provide material for such a project.
3. Study other Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species such as the grey partridge. The Trust has plenty of information on this species also.
4. Design and build a farm either as a mural, 3D construction or on a computer. The farm could be arable, livestock or mixed and include domestic and wild animals and a variety of habitat features including those specifically for conservation.



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