

Cheshire Barn Owl Report 2022



Introduction

This report collates data from the Wirral Barn Owl Trust, Wirral South and the Mid, South, West, North, East and North East Cheshire Barn Owl groups.

Summary

An above average year

Total successful pairs	167
Total counted young	485
Young per breeding pair	2.9
Boxes checked	950

Note that in the vast majority of breeding sites the young were ringed or were close to fledging.

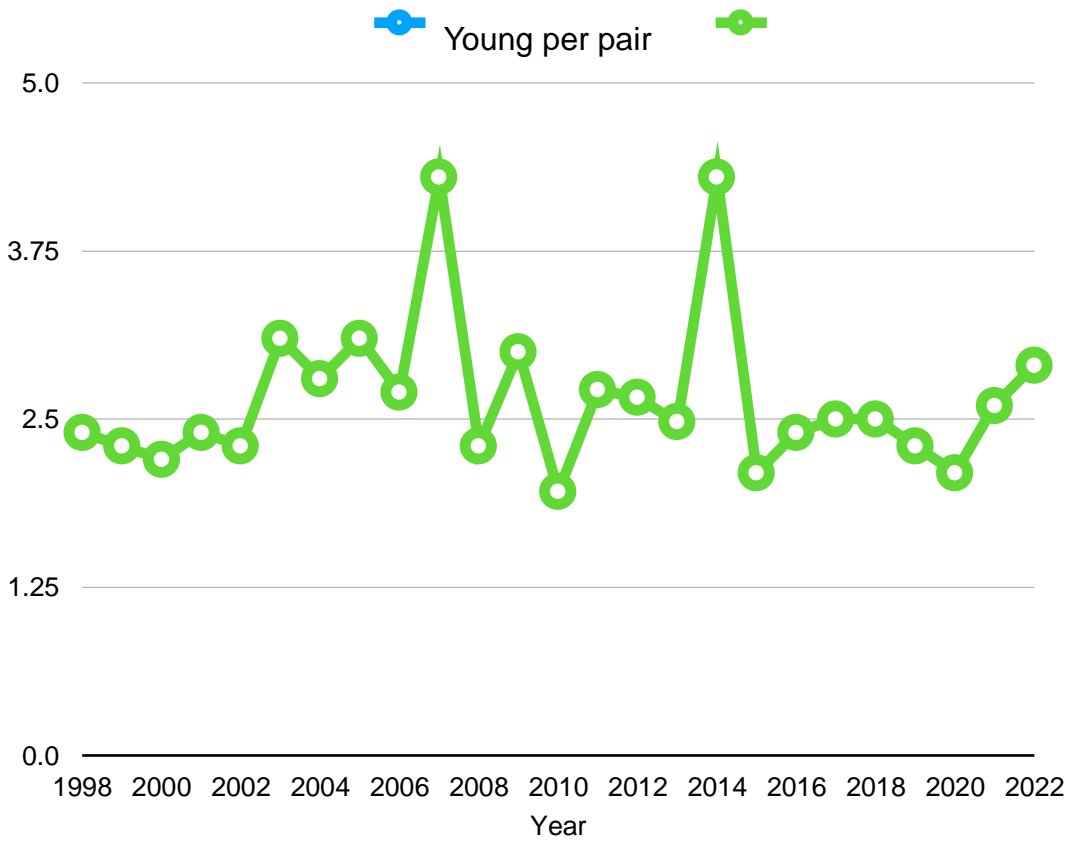
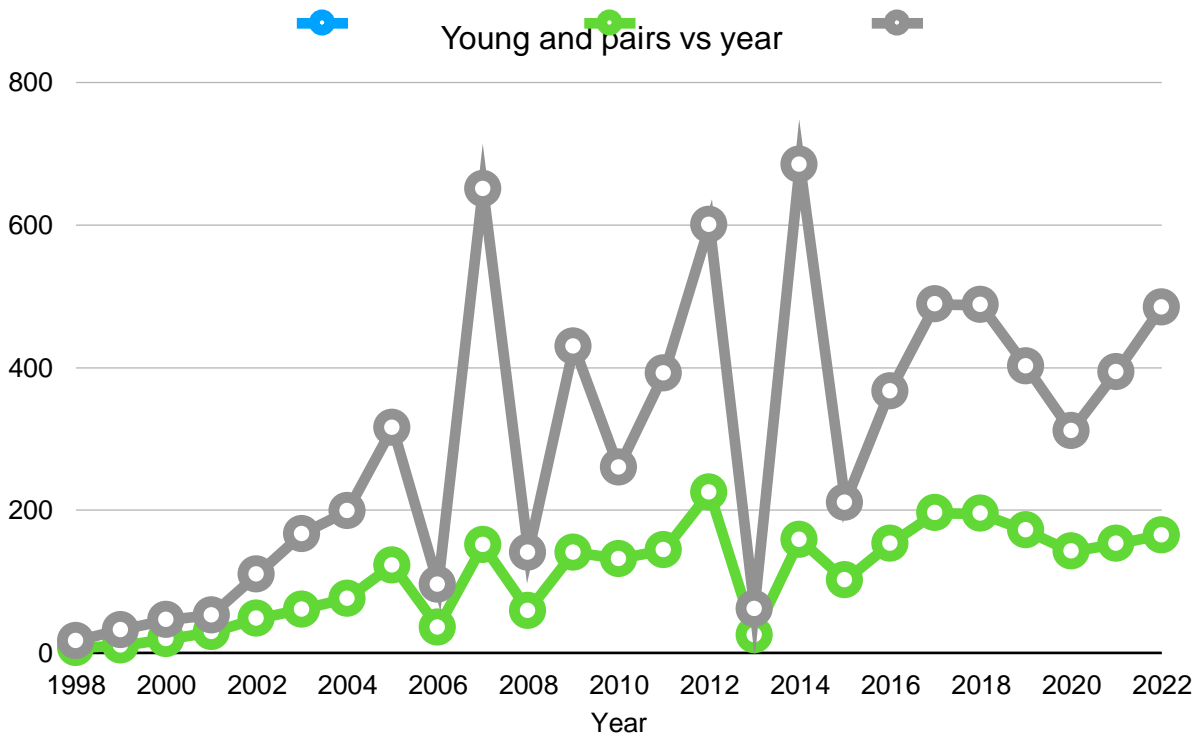
Group totals

Group	Pairs	Young	Boxes (checked)
West	35	105	230
Mid	38	90	240
North	3	9	11
South	45	153	270
East	17	48	90
N/E	7	22	40
Wirral BOT	13	36	60
Wirral south	9	22	27
<i><u>Total</u></i>	<i><u>167</u></i>	<i><u>485</u></i>	<i><u>950</u></i>

Year	Breeding Pairs	Young	Young per pair
1998	7	17	2.4
1999	10	32	2.3
2000	19	46	2.2
2001	29	53	2.4
2002	48	110	2.3
2003	61	167	3.1
2004	76	199	2.8
2005	123	316	3.1
2006	36	96	2.7
2007	151	651	4.3
2008	59	141	2.3
2009	141	430	3
2010	132	260	1.96
2011	144	392	2.72
2012	225	600	2.66
2013	25	62	2.48
2014	159	685	4.3
2015	102	211	2.1
2016	153	367	2.4
2017	196	489	2.5
2018	195	488	2.5
2019	172	402	2.3
2020	142	311	2.1
2021	153	394	2.6
2022	167	485	2.9

	Total boxes	Boxes used	% Utilisation
Mid	485	38	7.8
East	180	17	9.4
North	54	3	5.5
North east	125	7	5.6
South	312	45	14.4
West	508	35	6.8
Wirral BOT	152	13	8.5
Wirral south	55	9	12.7

Group	Tree box	Barn box	Pole box	Building	Natural Tree site	Total
Mid	38	0	0	0	0	38
North	1	0	0	2	0	3
East	15	0	0	2	0	17
N/E	6	0	0	1	0	7
South	38	0	4	3	0	45
Wirral +BOT	4	0	8	1	0	13
Wirral south	5	0	4	1	0	9
West	8	1	26	0	0	35
Total	115	1	42	10	0	167



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