



Harry the Harvest Mouse



Hi there,
I'm Harry the Harvest Mouse and I live here at Worsbrough Country Park. It's a fab place to live as all the lovely people here make sure that we have somewhere safe to build our nests.

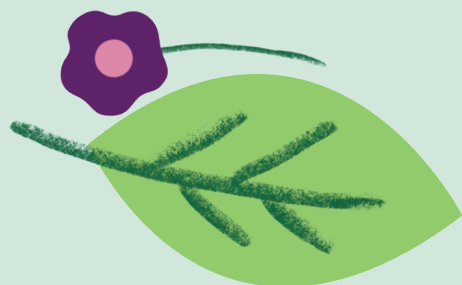
I'm very difficult to see as I'm tiny - I only weigh as much as a 2 pence piece - but you might be able to spot my round, woven nest high up in the tall grass. This is where I was born last summer, along with my 5 brothers and sisters.

I don't like to boast, but I'm the only mammal in this country to have a prehensile tail which means I can use it like an extra limb to grab onto the grass stems. This makes it easier for me to find food. I like to eat seeds and fruits and even small insects - yummy!



Thank you for adopting me. Your kindness will mean that I can carry on living here at Worsbrough, and so can my babies and their babies!





Harvest Mouse Facts



Latin Name: *Micronys Minutus*

Length: 5- 7cm

Tail Length: 6cm

Weight: 4-6g

Average Lifespan: 1.5 years

Habitat: Grassland, farmland and wetlands

Conservation Status: Priority Species under the UK Post 2010 Biodiversity Framework



Here at Worsbrough Country Park we have sensitively restored an area of reed bed to create a better habitat for harvest mice by cutting back the young willows that have grown there. We continuously monitor the harvest mouse population by carrying out discarded nest surveys. The number of nests has recently increased from 16 to 22 which suggests that the mice are breeding on-site in increasing numbers. The reed bed restoration being carried out by the Wet Woodlands Project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund should help that continue into the future.