

All earthworm species below were recorded and identified by a team led by Charlie Bell and Keiron Brown between 10th and 11th September 2016..

(NNR) indicates that the species was recorded on the Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve.

(FC) indicates that the species was recorded on the Slapton Ley FSC Field Centre site.

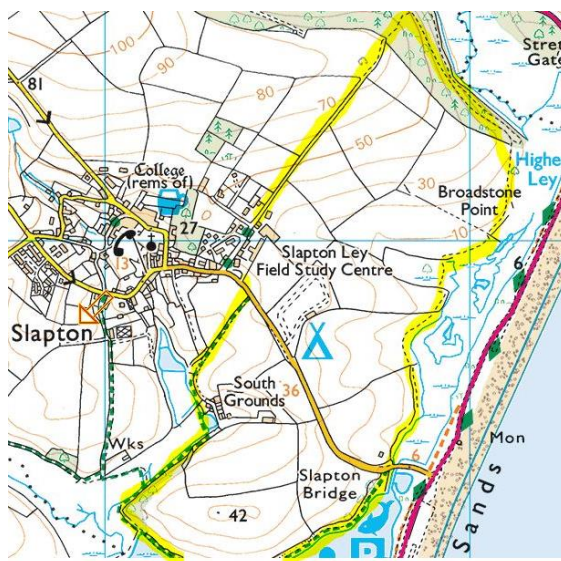
(SA) indicates that the species was recorded in the area surrounding the field centre and NNR.

Species in red indicate species noted as rare in Sherlock, E. (2012) *Key to the earthworms of the UK and Ireland*. London: Field Studies Council and Natural History Museum

The route is marked in **yellow** on the map below right.

Slapton Ley (VC3 South Devon)

<i>Allolobophora chlorotica</i>	(NNR)	(SA)
<i>Aporrectodea caliginosa</i>		(SA)
<i>Aporrectodea longa</i>	(FC)	(SA)
<i>Aporrectodea rosea</i>		(SA)
<i>Dendrobaena hortensis</i>	(FC)	(SA)
<i>Dendrobaena veneta</i>	(FC)	
<i>Dendrodrilus rubidus</i>	(NNR) (FC)	(SA)
<i>Eisenia fetida</i>	(NNR) (FC)	
<i>Eiseniella tetraedra</i>	(NNR) (FC)	
<i>Lumbricus castaneus</i>	(NNR)	
<i>Lumbricus festivus</i>	(FC)	
<i>Lumbricus rubellus</i>	(NNR) (FC)	(SA)
<i>Lumbricus terrestris</i>	(FC)	



Most of the species recorded are thought to be relatively common species with broad distributions, though some species that are thought to be either rare or very rare were recorded. However, please note that further investigation regarding the true distribution and abundance of individual earthworm species in the UK is needed required in order to establish the true status of UK earthworm species populations.

D. hortensis, *D. veneta* and *L. festivus* were all recorded and are considered rare species, though all three of these species have previously been recorded in South Devon.

In total 50 species records were created during the survey of Slapton Ley and surrounding area.

List compiled and produced by Keiron Brown, Recording Officer, Earthworm Society of Britain.

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