

# The British Deer Society

## DEER DISTRIBUTION SURVEY 2016

Every five years, the British Deer Society maps the distribution of all six species of deer found wild in the United Kingdom.

As wild deer are secretive and notoriously difficult to count accurately, recording their physical presence is a far better alternative which allows us to identify trends in spread or decline.

Our maps are widely used by scientists, researchers, students and the media.

This year, for the first time, the presence of reindeer has been added, whether roaming free or in captivity.

Sources of information have ranged from sightings by the general public to the records of major organisations with interests in deer.

Map shadings represent deer presence reported within 10km x 10km squares during 2016, and also in previous years for comparison.

► The British Deer Society is always interested in receiving reports of deer where they have not been seen before so that our maps are kept fully up-to-date.