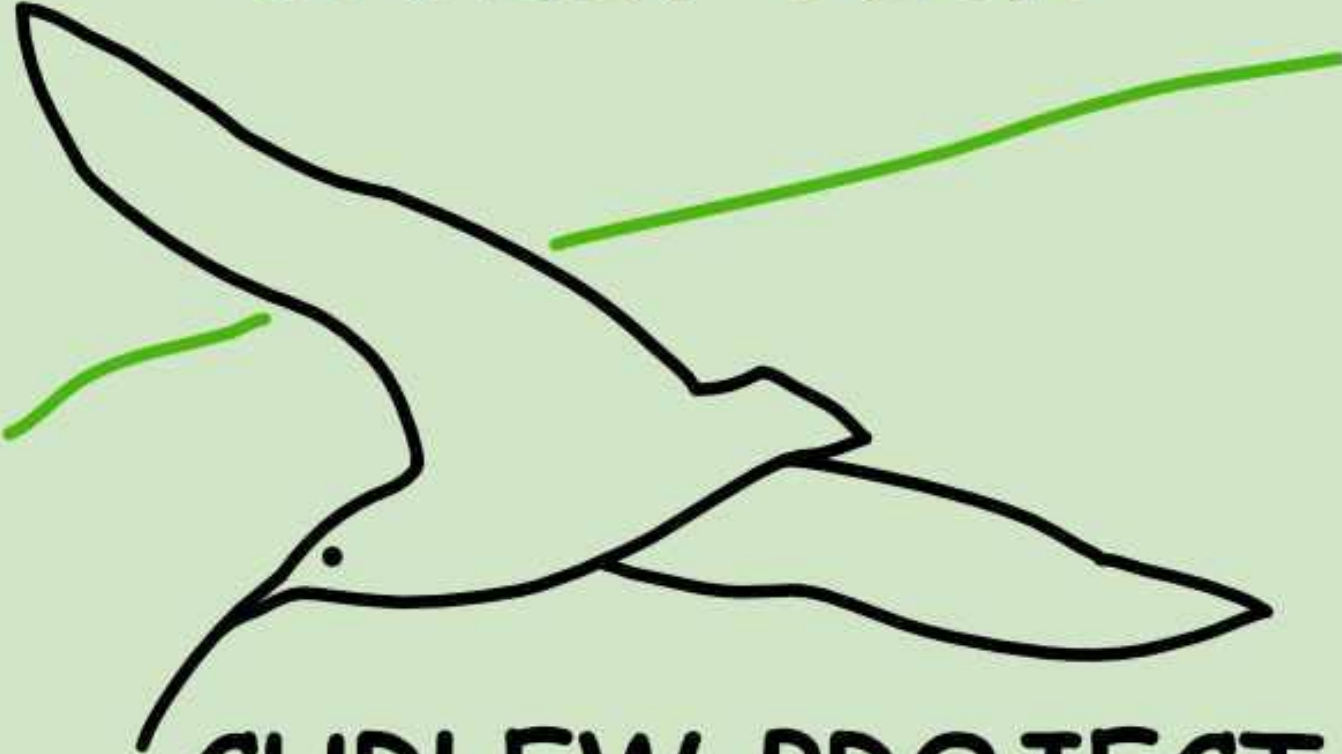


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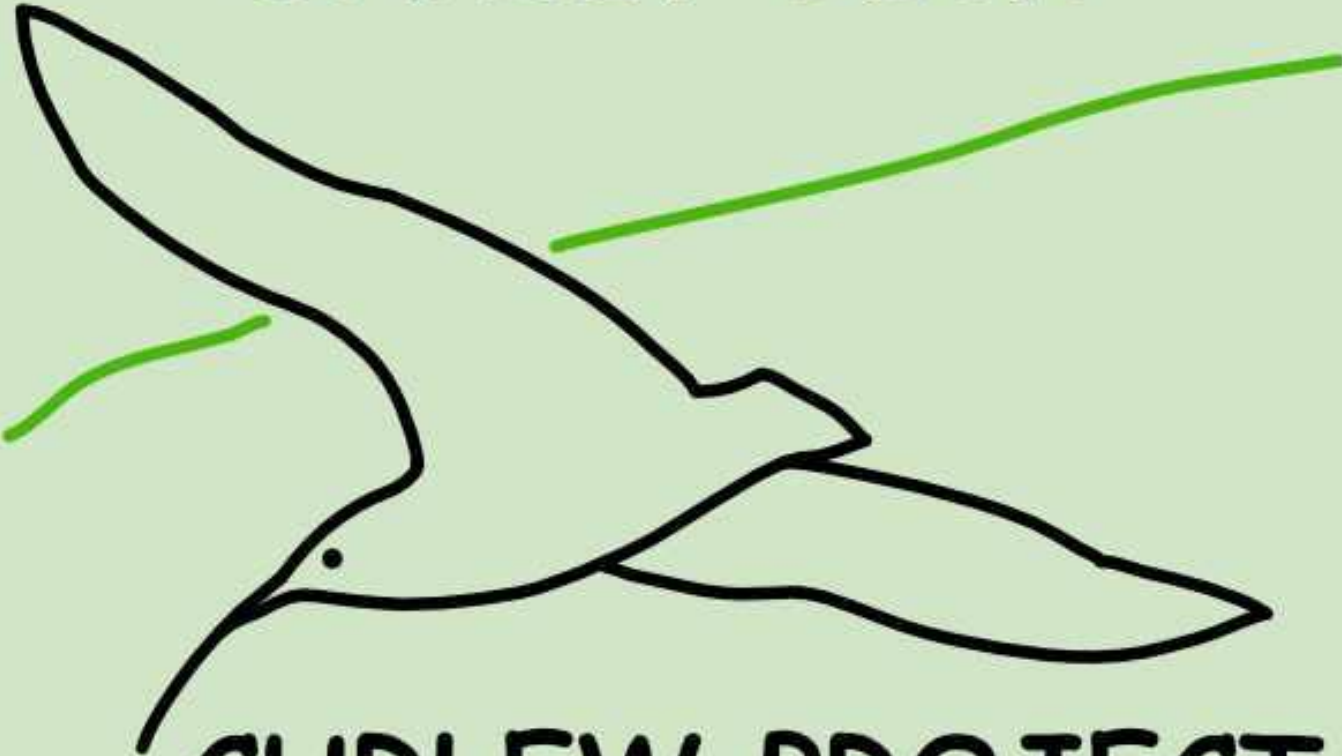
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# Summary of Results

2025



# Territories

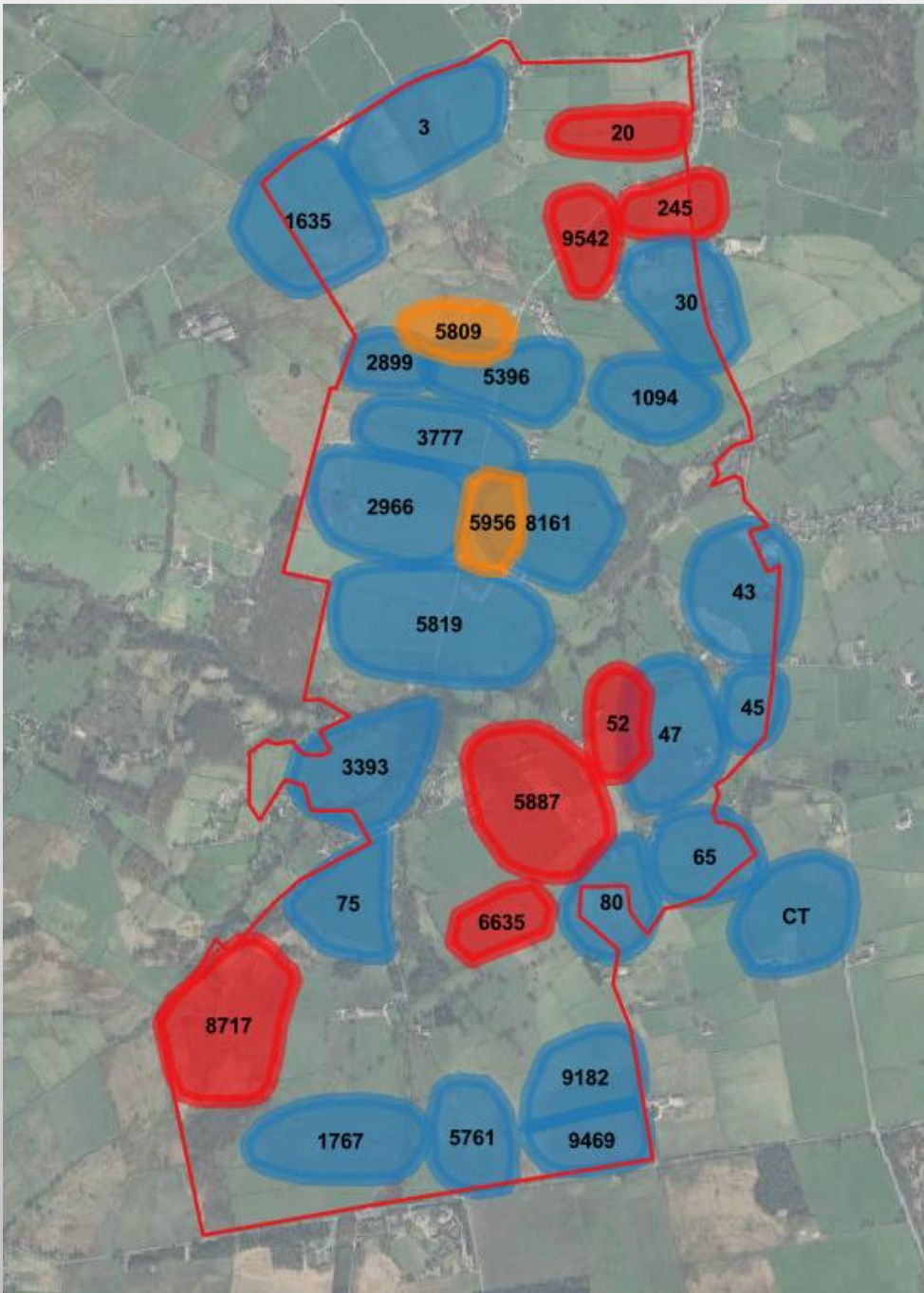
29 territories identified at the start of the season



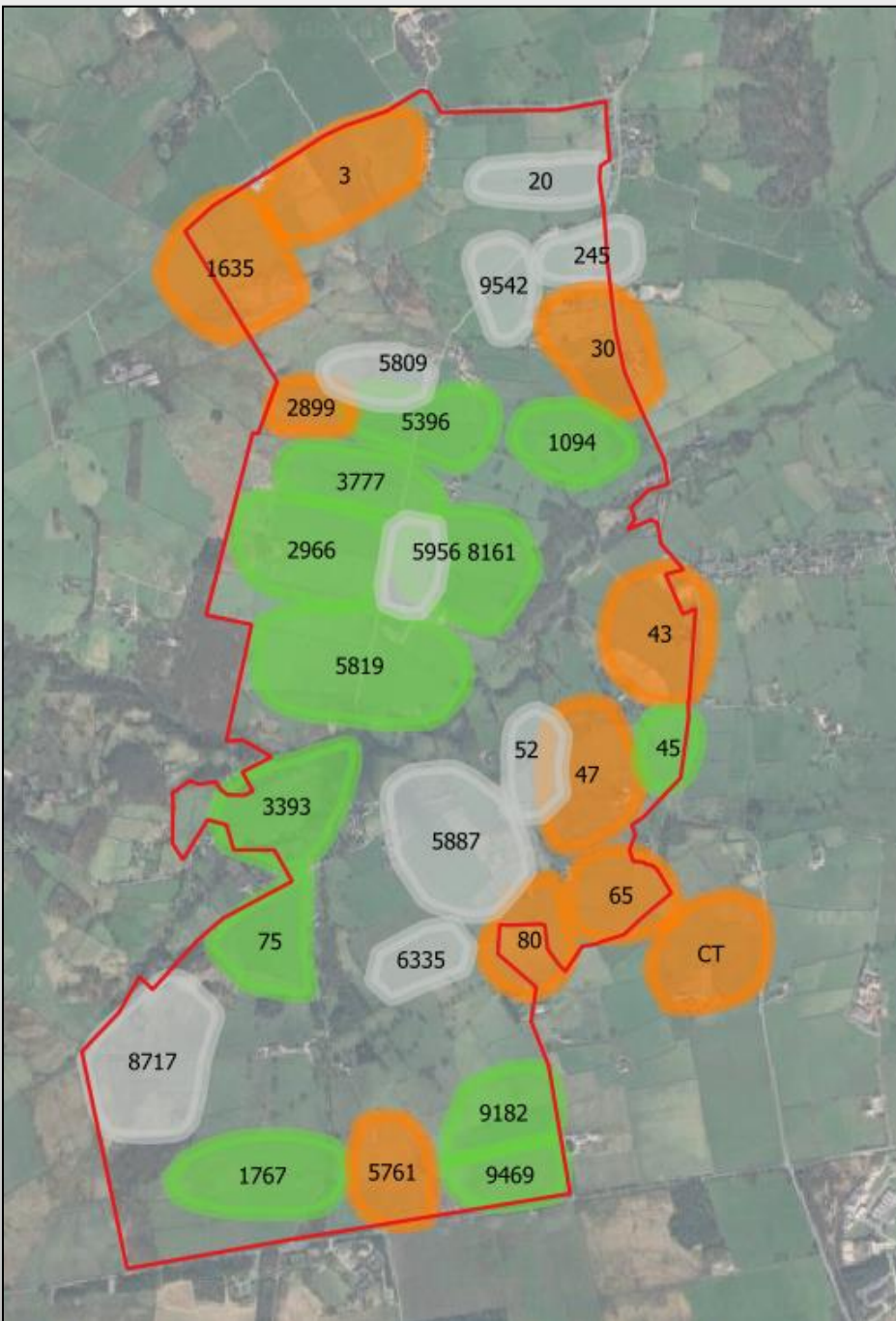
# Abandoned/Unoccupied Territories

9 territories unsuccessful

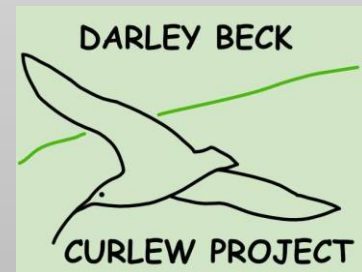
- 2 unoccupied (8717 & 6635)
- 7 abandoned during breeding season for a variety of reasons (including 2 new territories that appeared but were subsequently abandoned 5809 & 5956)



# Nest Fencing

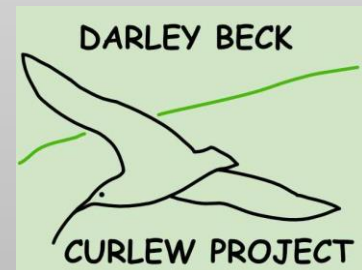


- 12 nests fenced: 10 hatched chicks, 2 (1767 & 3777) predated by birds
- 10 nests unfenced: 6 undiscovered but known to hatch chicks, 2 (2899 & 1635) probably lost first clutch and did not re-lay
- Others displaced or abandoned

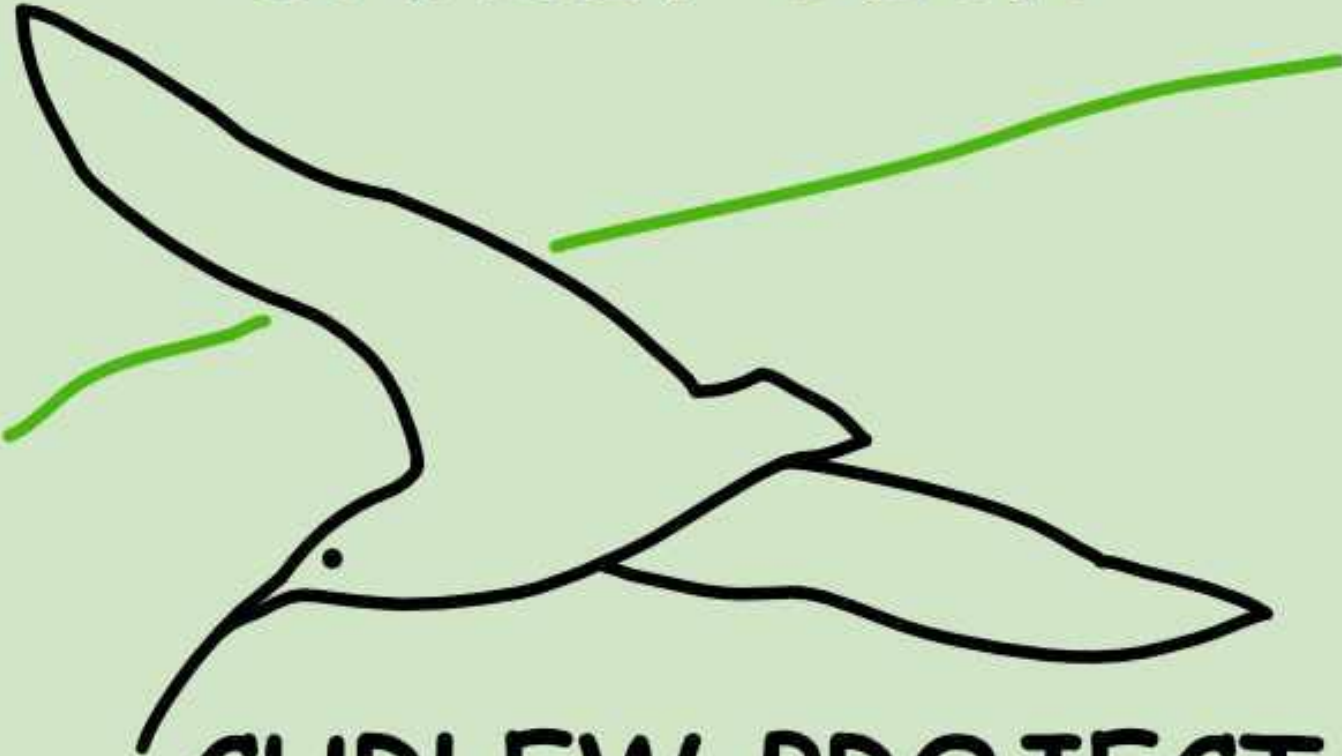


# Nest Fencing Outcomes

- Of the 12 nests fenced:  
5 fledglings  
0.42 productivity
- Of the 10 unfenced nests:  
2 fledglings  
0.20 productivity



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**Fledged  
Chicks**

**2025**





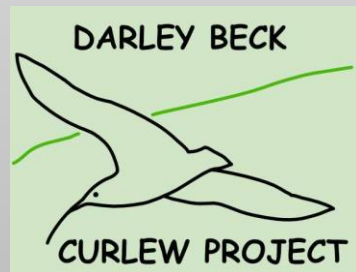
# Fledged Chicks

4 territories fledged chicks

7 fledged chicks in total

6 within 'official' project area

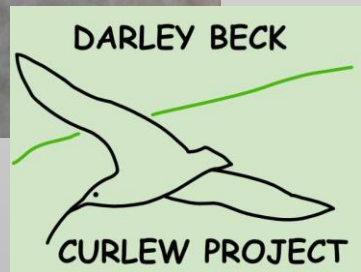
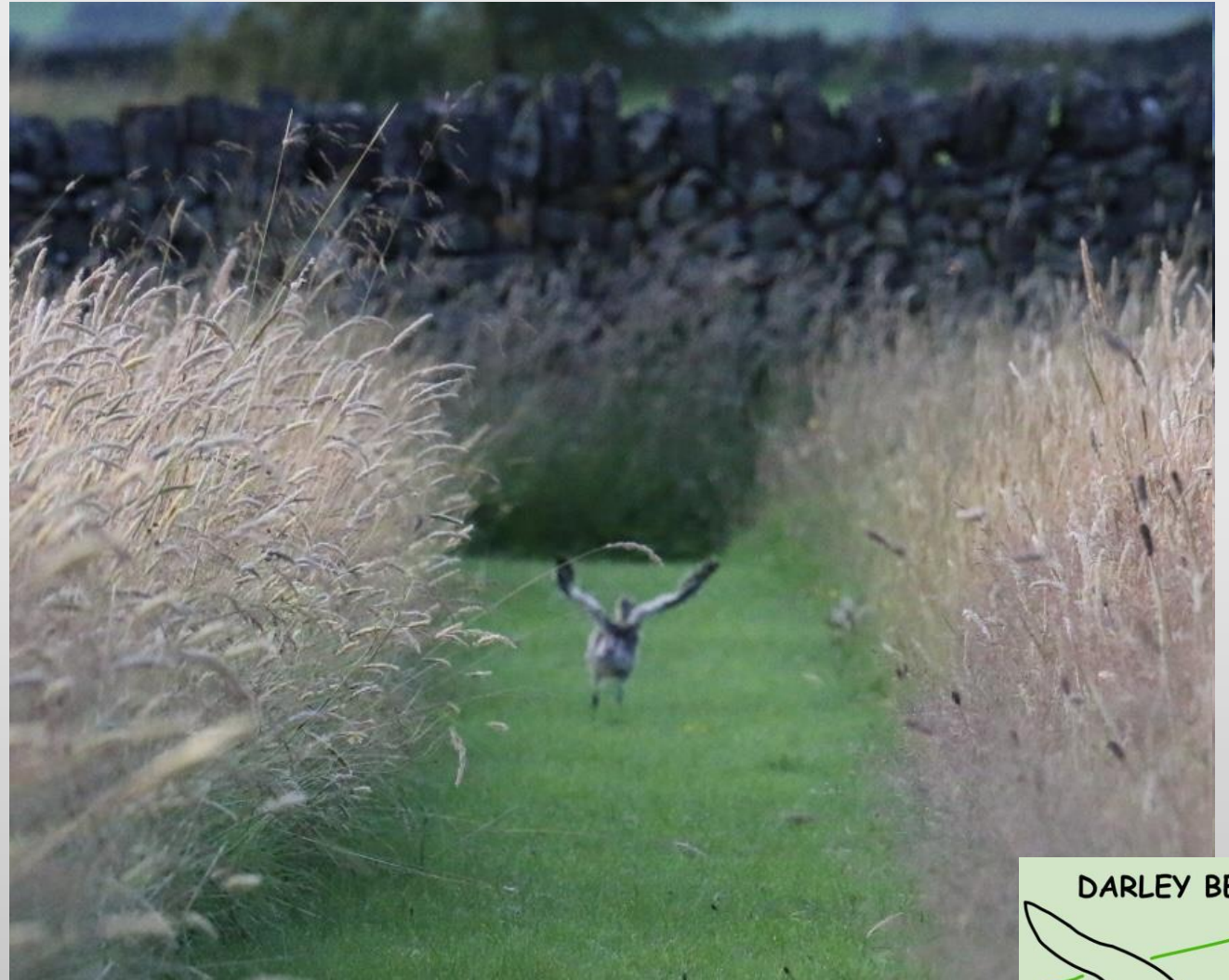
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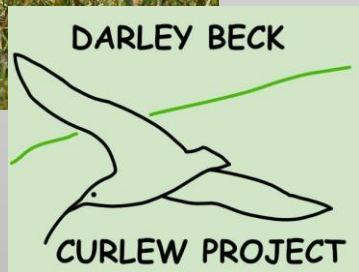
# Definition of fledging

- This chick cannot yet fly
- It is 35 days old
- ...and practising to fly



# Definition of fledging

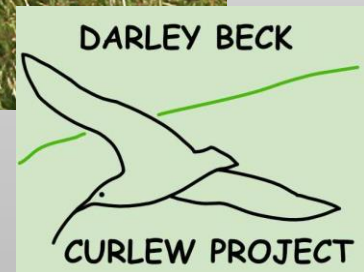
- This chick still cannot yet fly
- It is 39 days old
- Black flight feathers just visible beyond coverts





# Definition of fledging

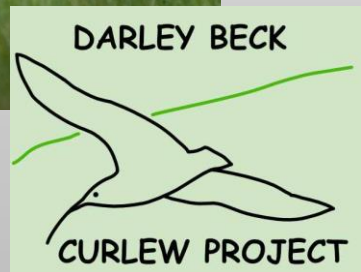
- This chick is fully fledged and can fly
- The dark primaries extend to just beyond its tail
- It has reached 42 days old



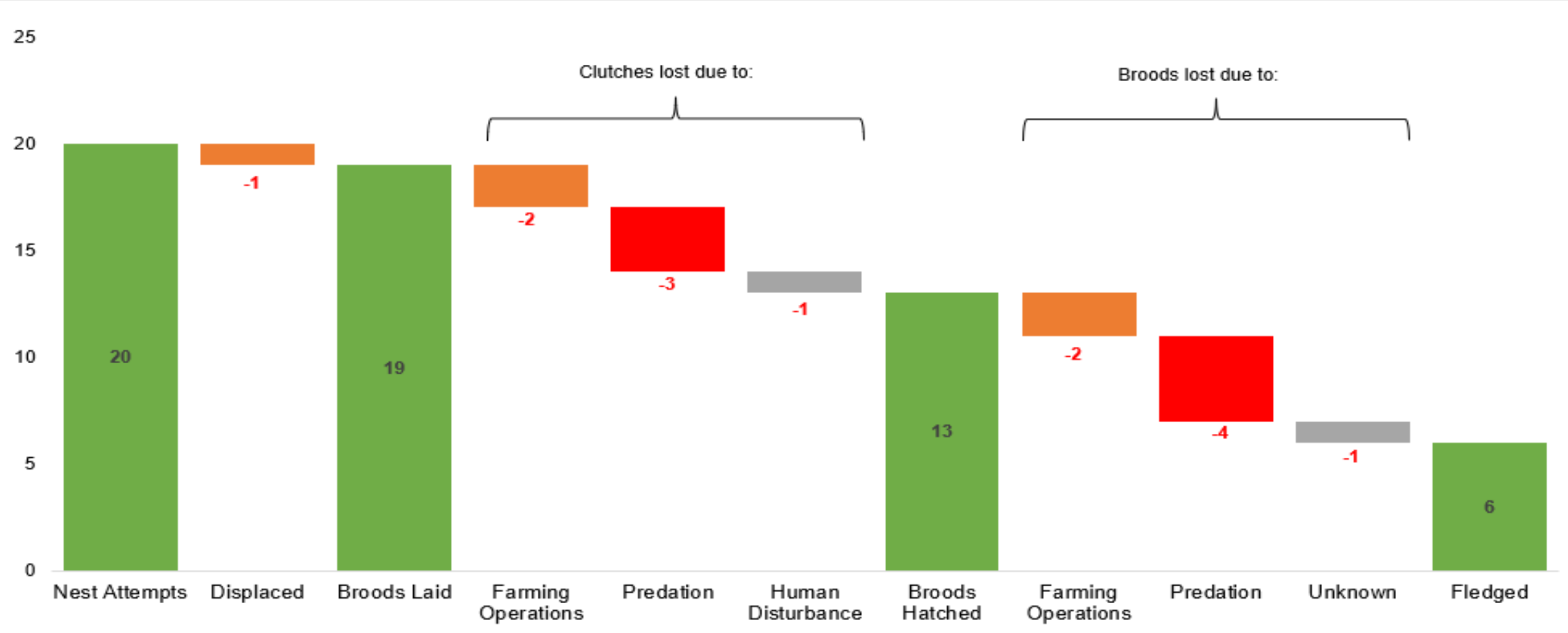
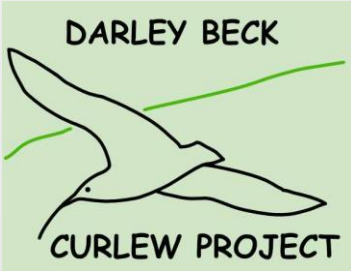


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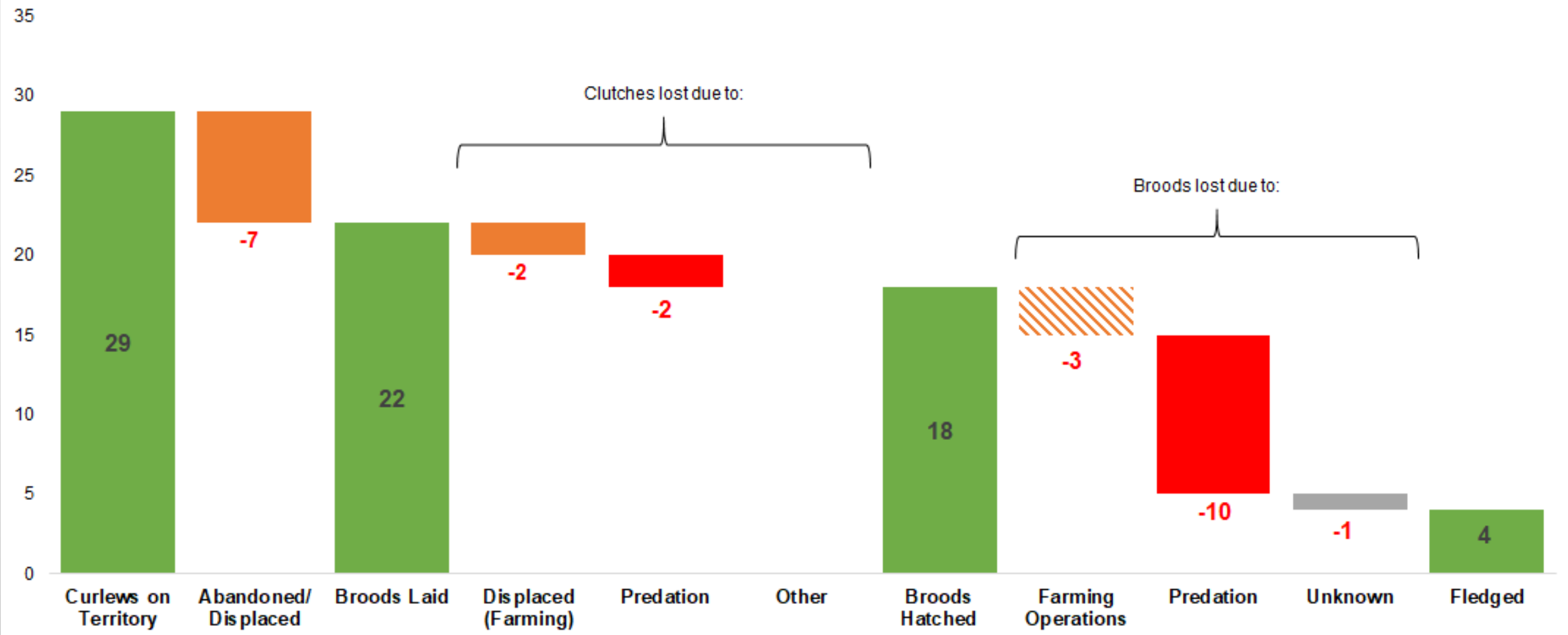
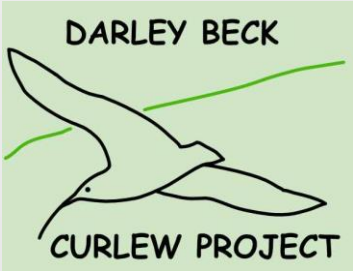
- This is an independent juvenile
- It is 50 days old



# Results Summary - 2024

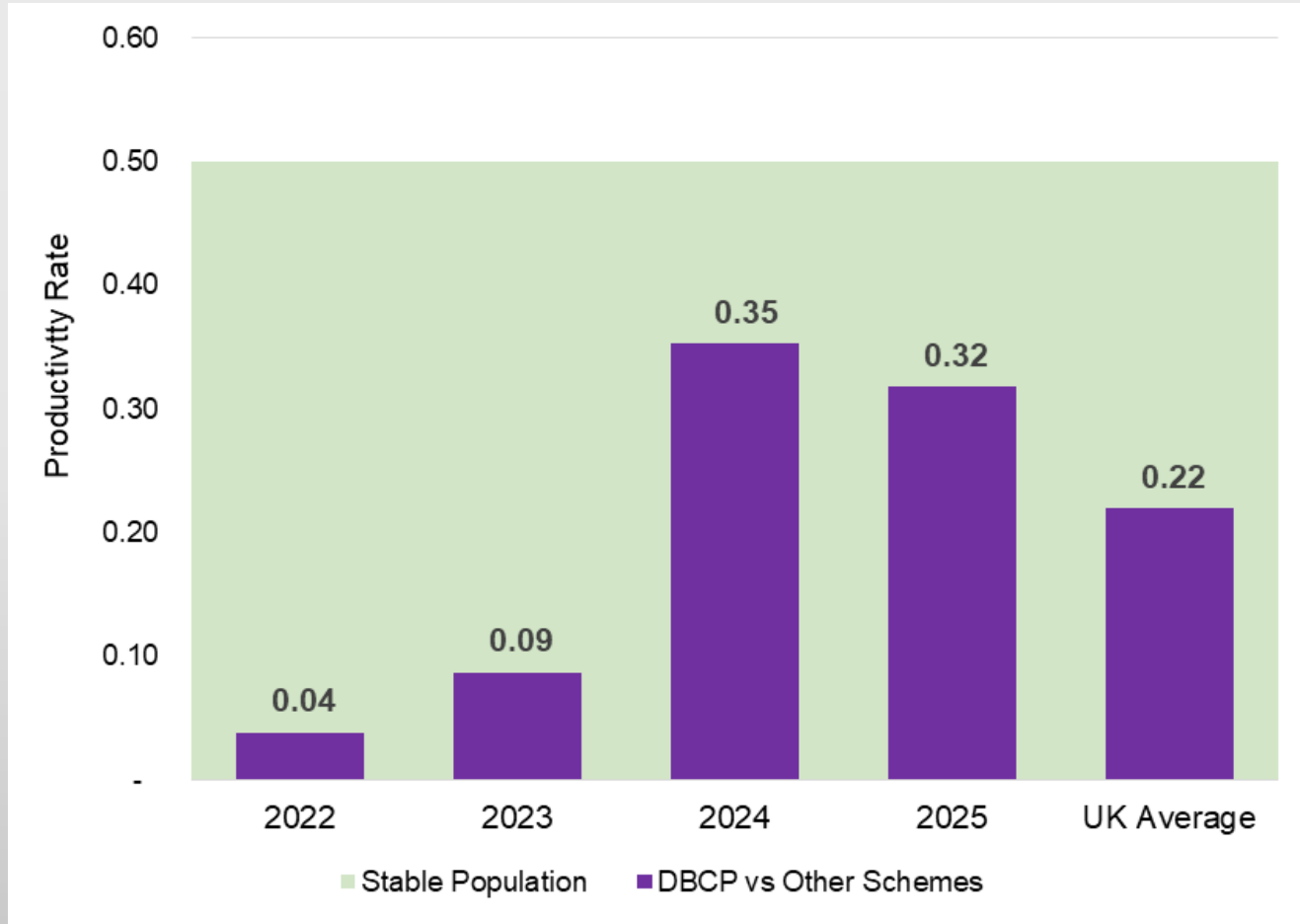


# Results Summary - 2025





# Productivity

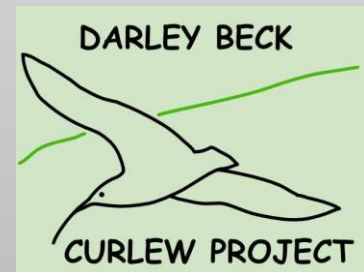


7 fledglings

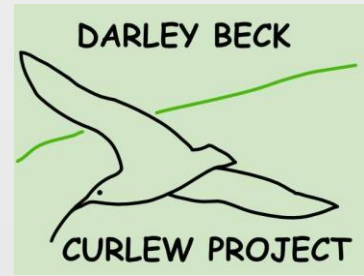
out of

22 breeding pairs

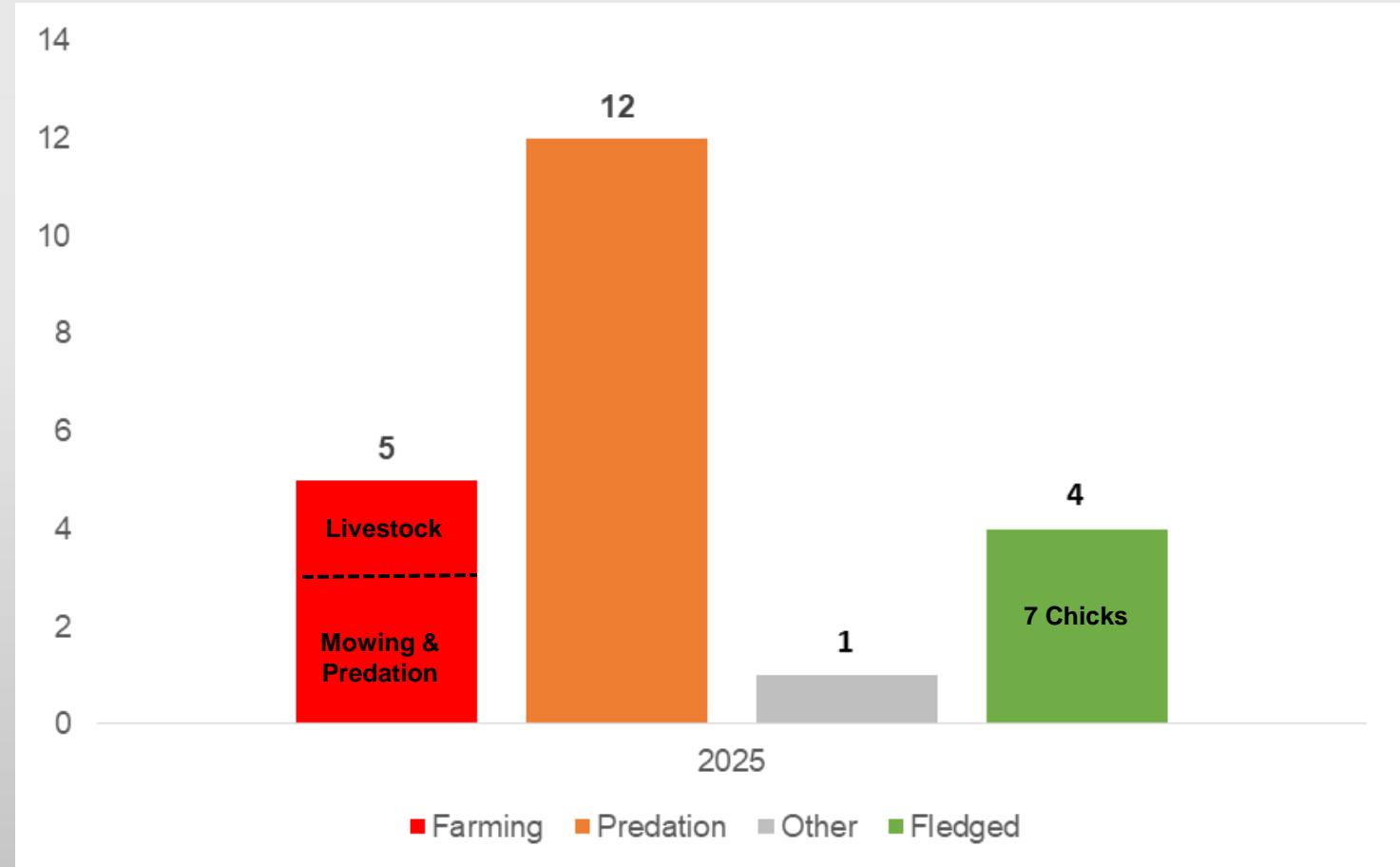
= 0.32 productivity



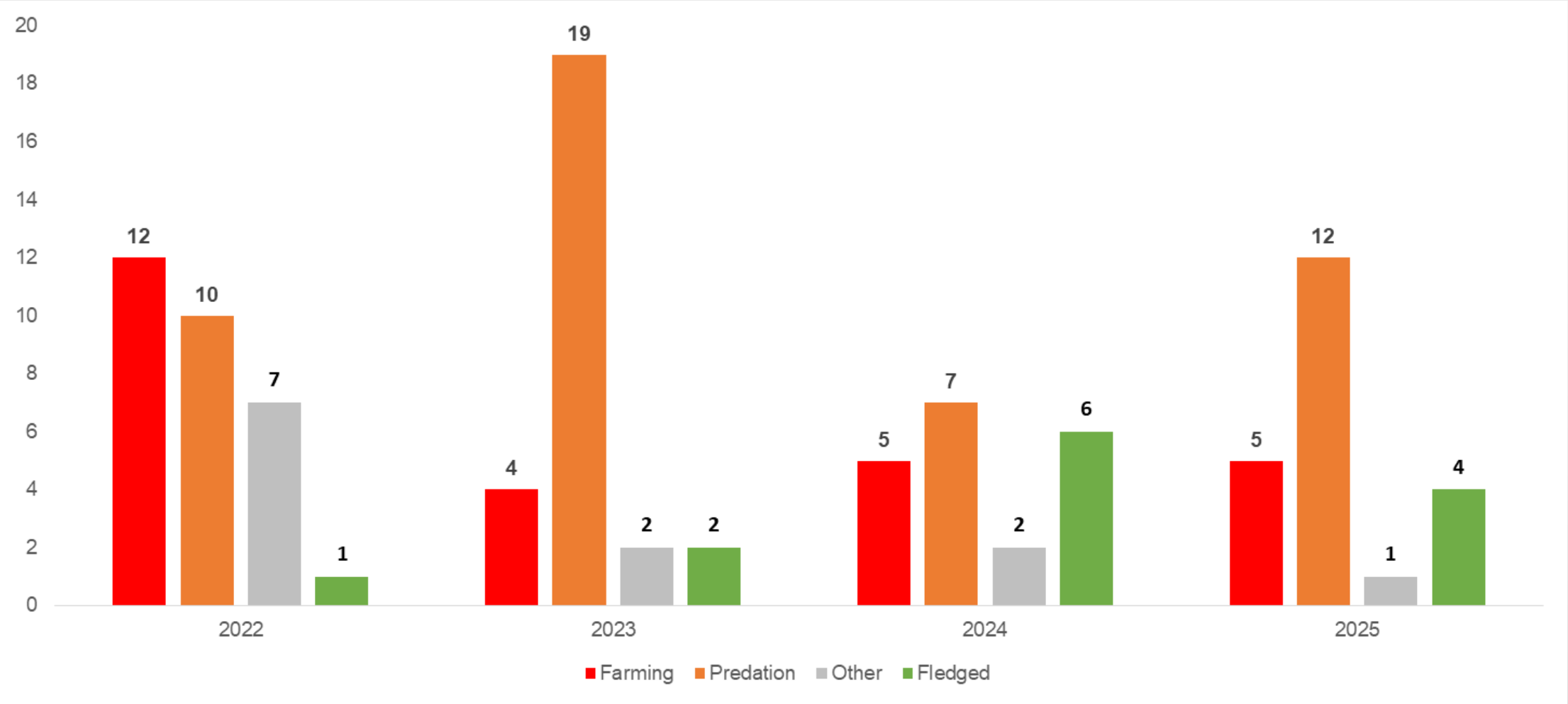
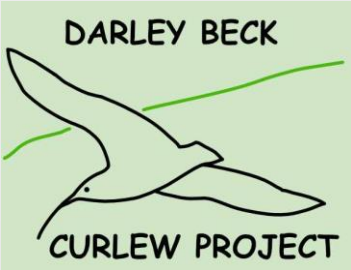
# Nest Outcomes in 2025



- **Farming:** 2 losses were attributable to livestock and 3 were caused by predation enabled by mowing.
- **Predation:** loss from predation alone was reduced from 19 in 2024 to 12.
- There was 1 nest where the cause of loss was could not be attributed.



# Nest Outcomes Year on Year



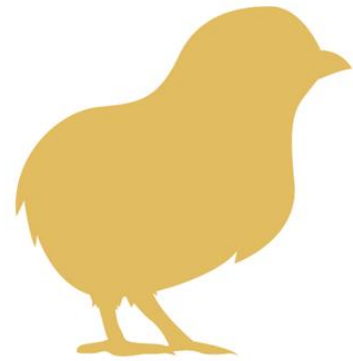




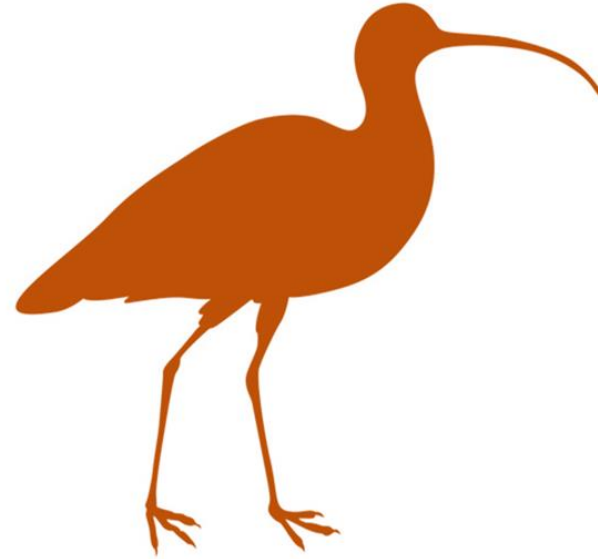
**88**  
eggs laid



**16**  
eggs lost



**72**  
chicks hatched



**7**  
chicks confirmed  
fledged