

**WORKING FOR WADERS 2018- 2019 ACTIONS – DETAILS OF FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FROM THE WFW CHALLENGE FUND**

No.	Activity Title	Activity Description	Who will be involved	Predicted timescale	Contribution from 'Challenge Fund' for 2018/19	Priority
<b>Information Needs Action Group</b>						
1	<b>Priority Wader Areas</b>	Inform decisions about where to focus management and other conservation-related actions for waders. Also could be useful for stratification for planning of agri-env, forestry or development.	Particularly BTO and RSPB datasets, but all group members to contribute. Collaboration. Atlas-based analysis of priority areas will be carried out by JHI and BTO.	Information sources already being identified and gathered. Aim to make best use of existing data to deliver initial outputs as soon as possible ( by December at the latest)	<b>£6,300</b>	<b>High</b>
2	<b>Conditions &amp; aims of wader management</b>	Review existing information on patch size, scale, landuse type, levels of predator pressure and other factors to take into consideration when planning landscape scale collaborative work for waders.	To be decided. Most likely GWCT, BTO, RSPB and National Parks.	Needed by Landscape Collaborative group at short notice.	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>High</b>
3	<b>Wader Fieldwork Guidance</b>	Develop guidance material to help a wide variety of stakeholders select the most appropriate field methods for collecting information on wader numbers and productivity, making it clear what information will and won't be collected by each method, and directing stakeholders towards appropriate training.	To be developed initially by Information Needs group, but modified and adapted in response to comments from wider community.	15 days total. 10 days in kind, 5 days at approximately £500pd. Would be useful to draw together, but not going to be finished ahead of 2018 season. Aim to complete by Christmas.	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>High</b>
4	<b>Wader Project Map</b>	Update and maintain the wader project map. Put out second call for information	GWCT, BASC, BT & JHI. All members to encourage projects to get in touch.	Ongoing - but could be absorbed into the Information Hub in	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>Medium</b>

		on more wader projects. Integrate information from BTO wader project audit. Overlay map on wader hotspot and change projections		time?		
<b>5</b>	<b>Scoping of Information Hub</b>	Outline requirements for developing a system to enable effective gathering, collation, curation, and mobilisation of information on wader numbers, environmental change, and management interventions. The system should deliver feedback between actions taken for waders and understanding of wader ecology and management.	Members of Information Group to lead. IS development staff (e.g. at BTO or JHI) could advise on specifications and costing.	Current WfW groups and activities are well suited to providing input to this scoping project. Complete by end of calendar year, in order to allow sufficient time for a wide diversity of people to input.	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Collaborative Action Group</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Facilitation Fund Development</b>	Work up concept for 'farmer cluster' working for wader conservation in future agri-environment schemes to inform future facilitation fund.	Desk study for WfW Collaborative Action Group	2 weeks dedicated Advisory Officer support from both GWCT and RSPB Scotland	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Identifying fixes to blockages to collaboration</b>	Produce short report identifying main issues and proposing practical solutions to blockages. The report will brigade key blockages to delivery of collaborative wader conservation at a practical level as advised by GWCT/RSPB Scotland/SRUC and main front-line advisory providers, as well as canvassing NFUS and some individual farmers. To ascertain why some farmers are reluctant to undertake management actions which may help wading birds.	Oversight by WfW Collaborative Action Group. Need some project staff time.	2 weeks work	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>High</b>

8	<b>Curlew Recovery areas around Thrumster</b>	To improve the prospects of breeding curlew through the development of curlew recovery areas around Thrumster, delivering: 3 local community talks, 2 events aimed at land managers, surveys of key farms/estates within recovery area and undertaking habitat assessments and writing management plan recommendations and maps for land owners and their agents.	RSPB are the lead organisation	Costs are for 2018/19.	<b>£7,000</b>	<b>Medium</b>
9	<b>Wader Monitoring &amp; Conservation East Scotland</b>	Includes reserves non-SRDP curlew work. Based on continued farm survey, advisory, liaison and management planning work. Finalise detailed wader hotspot GIS map for mainland (and eventually the entire region). Main focus on Cairngorms National Park and Tayside, where we will engage with landowners and agents to assist with AECS through partnerships and plan to undertake repeat surveys of key sites. Also repeat survey work in Fife through volunteer-based project. 15 farm businesses engaged, 1 event to be held, at least 10 farmers, advisers and others attending events. Species monitoring allows management to be adjusted as needed with subsequent advisory visits and reporting made available to stakeholders. One farmer focus group set up in Cairngorms NP in partnership with agricultural agents.	RSPB are the lead organisation	Ongoing?	<b>£10,750</b>	<b>Medium</b>

10	<b>Clyde Valley Wader Initiative</b>	Defined as a Farm Advice Focus Area for RSPB seeking to target conservation management for breeding waders (including curlew), this includes repeat surveying of 30 sites (10 sites in 2018-19) on a three year rotation. .	RSPB are the lead organisation.	Costs are for 2018/19	<b>£12,500</b>	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Raising Awareness &amp; Best Practice Action Group</b>						
11	<b>Branding</b>	Development of professional WfW branding to link work from numerous partners.	Communications group. Content developed in tandem by all WfW supporters	Drafts circulated April/May 2018	<b>£1,500</b>	<b>High</b>
12	<b>Website &amp; Social Media</b>	Website as “project home” – contains info on waders/project partners. Hosts a comprehensive “blog” (inc guest blogs from project partners) and a base for customised WfW social media accounts – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram	Communications Group. Content developed by supporters of WfW .	May 2018. Short term key information would be uploaded onto the existing WfW pages, longer-term (2-3 months) development of a bespoke website ASAP	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>High</b>
13	<b>Best Practice Guidance</b>	Following a review of current guidance provided by partner organisations, identify the need for WfW badged guidance. Develop guidance if necessary.	POMM have agreed in principle to accept a commission for developing guidance.	Review by Sept 18, new guidance developed by March 19	<b>No Cost anticipated at the moment</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Projects to be delayed until next year</b>						

14	<b>Parliamentary Event</b>	Promotion of the key WfW messages to members of the Scottish Parliament/ wader species champions.	Work with partners' parliamentary teams to promote WfW.	Event in autumn to promote and highlight partnership approach. Possibly linked to WfW/ Curlew conference.	<b>The group agreed to move this into next year</b>	<b>Medium</b>
15	<b>Develop the Pilot Trial Management Project</b>	Develop a 3 year project to formulate and ground test a monitored pilot agri-environment scheme proposal focusing on lapwing (but delivering multi species benefits).	Oversight by Collaborative Action Group. Will involve GWCT/RSPB/JHI/ SRUC	6 month contract in year 1. Full time in years 2 - 4 to be costed as part of development work in year 1.  Total = 4 years	<b>£30,000</b>  Further thought will go into this project with other funding sources identified before pursuing further	<b>Medium</b>
<b>Total Cost to the Challenge Fund for 2018- 2019 = £74,550</b>						