

The following emails were received in response to the conference.

From: Adam Kennerley [mailto:adam@cause-way.co.uk]
Sent: 25 January 2018 10:30
To: Geoff.Hilton@wwt.org.uk; smartmike143@gmail.com
Subject: Curlew and the Severn Estuary

Hi Mike and Geoff,

Really nice to see both of you yesterday and big thanks Mike for helping make yesterday happen. Really nice to see a good cross section of people there and especially enjoyed a rather 'honest' discussion I had with a gamekeeper and farmer. Always like those.

As you know we are transitioning from the Severn Vision project to explore a new approach to governance and management on the estuary; travelling under the title of Magnificent Severn. I am in touch with Mary about the potential for the curlew to engage the public in and raise awareness of estuary. But I wanted to make contact with you in respect of the Facilitation Fund project you have coming up.

One clear 'route map' coming out of the Severn Vision to achieve substantial habitat creation was to work from the bottom up - from the farmers and communities - on designing a model paying for this. Both the farming voices and the conservationists being happy to work together on what they mean by 'functional wetlands'. It would seem to me that if Magnificent Severn is to go out and develop this idea and seek funding for it we should start by learning from what you are planning on doing.

Happy to meet up and would be interested in hearing also from Jenny Phelps as FWAG would be top of my list to lead any project across the wider Severn Estuary.

Well done for yesterday and good luck for today and I look forward to hearing from you.

Adam

Adam Kennerley

Independent Consultant on Severn Estuary

From: Lindley, Patrick [mailto:Patrick.Lindley@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk]
Sent: 26 January 2018 14:07
To: Mike Smart <smartmike143@gmail.com>; Mary Colwell-Hector <marycolwell1@mac.com>
Subject: RE: Welsh Curlew Workshop

Hello Mary and Mike

A fantastic day for Curlew in Wales, UK and globally. Though it was exhausting, the level of interest and participation was second to none and now gives Wales a strong footing to move forward with Curlew conservation action. The level of positive feedback has been inspirational.

Next week I will pull together a synopsis of the afternoon discussion and send to you and a select number of Welsh participants for comment.

I have had a brief conversation with my Group Head about an option to orchestrate a small field gathering of key decision-makers across WG (including our Welsh Environment Minister), NRW, NGOs and Farming Unions etc. This will raise the awareness and plight of Welsh curlews (ie this is a species in need of urgent conservation help) to those that hold the purse strings. Mary, I will keep you abreast of developments.

Thank you again for your help and unwavering enthusiasm.

Best wishes

Pat

Patrick Lindley

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From: Nick Downs [mailto:Nick.Downs@arcadis.com]
Sent: 25 January 2018 12:05
To: smartmike143@gmail.com; mary@curlewmedia.com
Cc: j.judge@nbn.org.uk
Subject: Existing curlew data

Dear Mike and Mary

Once again, thank you very much for both organising and inviting me to the Welsh Curlew Workshop yesterday. Coincidentally, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr Jo Judge today – she is the chief executive of the National Biodiversity Network (www.nbn.org.uk). She is encouraging the use of the new NBN Atlas, which is promoting freely available biological records (sometimes at 1-10km square resolutions). It occurred to me that this information could be very useful to emerging curlew conservation plans. The purpose of this message is simply to introduce you to each other.

Jo – Mike and Mary are both members of the Curlew Forum (<http://www.curlewcall.org/>)

With best wishes

Nick

Nick Downs

Principal Ecologist – Environment, **Arcadis**

From: Rob Yorke [mailto:ry@robyorke.co.uk]
Sent: 25 January 2018 12:39
To: 'Mike Smart' <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Welsh Curlew Workshop

Brilliant day Mike – well done on organising.

Key now to keep momentum, all conservation NGOs in the background (key players in research and support but not the lead) and 'bottom-up' led land managers in the foreground 'owning' the collaborative process.

400 words blog to come on this.

Best

Rob Yorke

Environmental commentator living in Wales

From: Amanda Perkins [mailto:Amanda.Perkins@shropshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 25 January 2018 19:52
To: mary@curlewmedia.com; philip.sheldrake@rspb.org.uk; Mike Smart (smartmike143@gmail.com) <smartmike143@gmail.com>; Geoff Hilton (Geoff.Hilton@wwt.org.uk) <Geoff.Hilton@wwt.org.uk>
Subject: Welsh Conference

Dear All,

What an amazing turn-out and event yesterday. I set a very positive note which followed through I felt.

It was great to progress further work in Wales and I very much hope that it will happen soon. No, don't under-estimate Mary, nor Mike, nor Geoff, nor Phil! Your team has done fantastic things.

I am really proud that some of our farmers turned out and so pleased that other farmers and land managers, arms crossed over chests at the beginning, had relaxed and joined in by the end. I thought the inclusion of Steve Redpath was inspired.

I felt you were particularly supportive and generous to Curlew Country – thank you. It really helps to deal with things like the next email and I was so pleased that Caroline, Tony's partner, wearing her NRW hat, was there to hear him and others speak and about Curlew Country's contribution to Curlew Recovery.

Mandi

Amanda Perkins,

Curlew Country Project Manager,

Stiperstones and Corndon Hill Country Landscape Partnership Scheme



The Stiperstones & Corndon Hill Country Landscape Partnership Scheme is managed by a Partnership of professional and community representatives from Shropshire and Powys, who are listed at www.stiperstonesandcorndon.co.uk. The lead organisation for the Scheme is the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership, hosted by Shropshire Council.

From: Nick Myhill [mailto:nickmyhill@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 25 January 2018 21:18
To: Mike Smart <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Yesterday's Curlew workshop

Dear Mike

Thanks for yours. I certainly found the workshop useful, particularly making contact with people with useful information to share.

Where I'm coming from: Have lived in Radnorshire most of my life. Working life as Forestry Commission wildlife officer, self-employed wildlife consultant (specialist in wetlands and primary woods), and organic farmer. Presently engaged by Powys Moorland Partnership surveying 5 species (grouse, curlew, lapwing, golden plover, hen harrier) on grouse moors in Powys, liaising between gamekeepers and conservation bodies. Also writing book on bringing farming and conservation interests together.

All the best

Nick Myhill

From: Chris.Worker@gov.wales [mailto:Chris.Worker@gov.wales]
Sent: 26 January 2018 09:13
To: smartmike143@gmail.com; marycolwell1@me.com
Subject: RE: Curlew Workshop

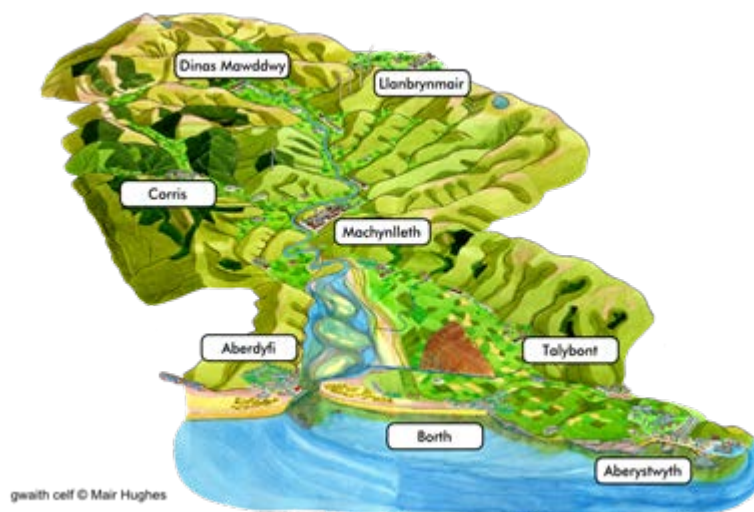
Hi Mary, Mike,

Brilliant workshop, thanks to you both.

I am Welsh Gov't rep on the Dyfi Biosphere's Partnership and Executive-

Following a Partnership meeting yesterday, I get a sense that there might be a possibility of some sort of curlew initiative in the Biosphere, if there were enough motivated individuals to 'go for it' from the bottom up. I got the impression from the workshop that any initiative would need to be farmer and locally led, but I got the impression from the Partnership yesterday that there would be a sympathetic ear and an open door for any approach.

Do you have any idea how many of the people at Wed's workshop were from the biosphere area?



Chris Worker

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From: Hannah Shaw [mailto:hshaw@freshwaterhabitats.org.uk]
Sent: 26 January 2018 10:27
To: 'Mike Smart' <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Welsh Curlew Workshop

Many thanks Mike.

It was an extremely informative and useful day. Thank you very much.

I am also pleased to report that myself and interested Curlew surveyor Stephen Mullard (as well as a couple of others from Radnorshire Wildlife Trust) are interested in carrying on Kate Jones' Curlew survey work on and around the Begwns (near Painscastle) and then taking this further and getting the landowners engaged too so we can get something going similar to Curlew Country in Shropshire. I did chat briefly about the idea to Tony Cross at the conference but I will follow this up. So as yet just an idea but hopefully with a bit more discussion and co-ordination I will be able to update you with some progress later this year.

The Begwns is a Flagship Pond site as it has some of the best ponds in Wales due to the high water quality as a result of no agricultural pollution. I regularly hear and see Curlew there during Spring and early summer.

Many thanks again for a really inspiring day.

Very best wishes

Hannah Shaw
People Ponds and Water Welsh Project Officer
Freshwater Habitats Trust

From: Lynden Rees-Roberts [mailto:lyndenreesroberts@googlemail.com]

Sent: 26 January 2018 11:24

To: Mike Smart <smartmike143@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Yesterday's Curlew workshop

Dear Mike,

We both greatly enjoyed the workshop, although we were unable to stay to the end. We were pleased to see people we already knew, and to also put faces to names we had been given.

Although we both have farming heritage in Wales, we are the 'blow back' generation and are not farmers or landowners ourselves, although many of my relatives are. We live on Broadheath, outside Presteigne, between the River Lugg and The Hindwell. We always heard the evocative sound of the curlew across the valley and we knew spring had truly arrived. Alas no longer, about six years ago the call of the curlew ceased and has not been heard here since.

A life-long belief in the beauty, power and benefits of the natural world and all that it holds has seen me involved with a variety of initiatives to raise awareness and to engage the wider community in wildlife projects.

I would like to organise a Curlew talk locally to get the situation out to a wider audience. This might lead on to something more.

For this weekend on Sunday (RSPB BIG Garden Bird Watch) I have organised a Big Starling Winter Watch at Llandegley Rhos Common, where there is a very significant roost (over 100,000 birds and sometimes double that number). Unfortunately, their roost and the Rhos Common environment is under threat. But back in 2013 a pair of Curlews were to be found at the Pye Corner end of the Common. I do not know what their current status might be. The area is neither a reserve nor has any protected status, though it is a little gem, rich in all manner of wildlife, including protected species, bats, otters, great crested newts plus a range of birds including several on the red list, lapwing, golden plover, grasshopper warbler, linnets and of course the starling.

I am a long-standing member of Radnor Wildlife Trust, RSPB and am now on the committee of our local Brecon and Radnor branch of CPRW.

Gareth is a member of these organisations as well, and is a professional photographer, with particular emphasis on landscape. I am an artist, teacher, poet and performer, though not necessarily in that order. We both see ourselves as Curlew friends.

With best wishes for future developments,

Lynden and Gareth Rees-Roberts

From: Redpath, Steve [mailto:s.redpath@abdn.ac.uk]
Sent: 25 January 2018 15:53
To: Mary Colwell <mary@curlewmedia.com>; Catherine Hughes <catherine@thebridgehay.co.uk>;
Mike Smart <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: presentation

Hi,

Thanks for inviting me to the Welsh meeting. Here's hoping it leads to something positive
Hope you are recovering & very well done!

Very best wishes,

Steve Redpath
University of Aberdeen

From: Chris Ledbury [mailto:theffawydd@btinternet.com]
Sent: 24 January 2018 17:08
To: smartmike143@gmail.com
Subject: Curlew email list

Hello

Great workshop.

Chris Ledbury
Chairman, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust

From: David Rees [mailto:davidarees@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 29 January 2018 11:12
To: Mike Smart <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Welsh Curlew Workshop

Hi Mike,

Thanks very much for your email and for the organisation of the workshop. It really does need
someone or one organisation to pick up on the enthusiasm and desire to do something for Curlew
and to drive this forward. Let's hope the appropriate people/bodies do so.

All the best
Dave

From: Sanders, Sarah [mailto:sarah.sanders@rspb.org.uk]
Sent: 26 January 2018 10:26**To:** Mike Smart <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Welsh Curlew Workshop

Just to say how much I enjoyed the meeting and look forward to supporting this work to progress.

Sarah Sanders
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From: Ian Duncan [mailto:erebia13@gmail.com]
Sent: 25 January 2018 09:57
To: 'Mike Smart' <smartmike143@gmail.com>
Subject: Curlew Workshop

Morning Mike

I really enjoyed yesterday and learned a lot.
Please can you send me a copy of the presentations when you get them.

All the best
Ian
Worcestershire Curlew survey organizer

From: Teresa Dent <tdent@gwct.org.uk>

Date: 27 January 2018 at 17:36:30 GMT

To: "mary@curlewmedia.com" <mary@curlewmedia.com>

Dear Mary,

Well done on a really great Curlew Conference on Wednesday. Andrew Gilruth felt the debate had really moved on from last year. You have made a huge difference to the situation and I do congratulate you.

Best wishes

Teresa

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