

Whaup's Up? – The Status and Future of Curlew in Scotland

Thursday 27th September 2018, Battleby Conference Centre

AGENDA

09.00-09.30 Arrivals, registration and coffee

09.30 – 10.50 SETTING THE SCENE

Chair Davy McCracken

09.30-09.40 Welcome, introduction and setting the scene

Alan Lauder
Chair, Irish Curlew Task Force

09.40-09.50 The importance of Curlew to Scotland

Lewis Macdonald
Member Scottish Parliament

09.50-10.05 The National Picture -
Status and trends for Curlew in Scotland

Chris Wernham
British Trust for Ornithology

10.05-10.20 Working for Waders –
Curlew in the context of waders in Scotland

Alastair MacGugan
Scottish Natural Heritage

10.20-10.35 RSPB Trial Management Project in Scotland

David Douglas/ Irena
Tomankova
Royal Soc for the Protection of
Birds

10.35-10.50 Scottish Winter Curlew – population trends

Bob Swann
Bird ringer

--- 10.50-11.05 Morning coffee ---

11.05 – 13.00 CURLEW CONSERVATION

Chair Sarah Sanders

11.05-11.20 Do Agri/Env Schemes work for Curlew?

Davy McCracken
Scottish Rural College

11.20-11.35 Forestry and Curlew in Scotland

Brendan Callaghan
Forestry Commission Scotland

11.35-11.50 A Farmer's Perspective

Martin Kennedy
National Farmers Union Scotland

11.50-12.05 Does Predator Control Work for Curlew?

Dave Parish
Game & Wildlife Conservation
Trust

12.05-12.20 From agriculture to windfarms
– identifying problems and testing solutions

James Pearce-Higgins
British Trust for Ornithology

RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION - CASE STUDIES

Chair Alan Lauder

12.20-12.35	Curlew in Orkney, a curlew hotspot	Alan Leitch RSPB - Orkney
12.20-12.35	Curlew in Galloway, a sad tale	Patrick Laurie Farmer/journalist
12.35-12.50	Summary of previous Workshops Lessons from Ireland, England and Wales	Geoff Hilton Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
12:50-13.00	Conflict and cooperation	Steve Redpath University of Aberdeen
13.00-13.30	Questions to Speakers	

--- 13.30-14.00 Lunch ---

14.00-1700 WORKSHOPS Chairs Alan Lauder and Phil Shel Drake

1400-1410	INTRODUCTION and break out into seven groups	
1410-1520	Facilitated discussion on the following topics (each group to consider all topics):	
	1. What are the threats/issues/pressures facing Curlews in Scotland? Which are the most important and where do they apply?	
	2. What actions do you recommend to address them?	
	3. Are current mechanisms adequate to implement these actions? If not, what are we going to do?	

1520-1530 Reassemble in main room

---Tea break 1530-16.00 ---

1600-1630 Plenary session

Reports from facilitators on group discussions, with use of flipcharts and PowerPoint presentations

1630-1650 Synthesis of the day

1650-1700 Closing remarks

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