



## Working Together for Waders - A collaborative approach to countryside management

**Date:** Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023.

**Venue:** Lusty Beg Island Resort, Co Fermanagh.

### AGENDA

09:30	Arrival (tea/ coffee & sausage/ bacon rolls) – please arrive early to accommodate the short ferry journey to the island.
10:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Nigel Irvine (Lough Erne Wildfowlers' Council) & Elmarie Swanepoel (Lough Erne Landscape Partnership).
10:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Introduction to the Boa Island Breeding Wader Project</u></b> Michael Stinson (Project Manager - Boa Island Breeding Wader Project).</li> </ol>
10:30	<b>Keynote Speeches</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b><u>Saving Curlews across the UK.</u></b> Mary Colwell (author, producer and campaigner for nature. Founder of Curlew Action).</li> <li>3. <b><u>Curlews and forestry</u></b> Patrick Laurie (author, hill-farmer and land management consultant).</li> </ol>
11:30	Break
11:45	<b>Presentations</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b><u>Partnership working for wader conservation in the Antrim Hills.</u></b> Merlin Becker (Glenwherry Head Gamekeeper - Irish Grouse Conservation Trust) &amp; Katie Gibb (RSPB – Antrim Hills).</li> <li>5. <b><u>Partnerships, policy and pragmatism - Curlew conservation in England.</u></b> Ryan Burrell (Director - Curlew Recovery Partnership).</li> <li>6. <b><u>Scaling up hunter conservation efforts to improve social acceptance.</u></b> Padraig Breen (Game Development Officer - National Association of Regional Game Councils).</li> </ol>

	<p><b>7. <u>Breeding wader recovery in the Avon Valley, Hampshire – habitat, predators and people.</u></b> Lizzie Grayshon (Wetlands Ecologist and Avon Valley Farmer Cluster Facilitator - The Game &amp; Wildlife Conservation Trust).</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<p><b>8. <u>Working Together for Waders – The role of Europe’s game shooting community.</u></b> Dr David Scallan (Secretary General - European Federation for Hunting and Conservation, FACE).</p> <p><b>9. <u>The importance of predation management in wader recovery.</u></b> Dr Andrew Hoodless (Director of Research – The Game &amp; Wildlife Conservation Trust).</p>
15:00	Break - Tea and Coffee
15:20	<b>Afternoon plenary discussion session</b> (table conversations led by the Fermanagh Breeding Wader Forum members).
15:50	Feedback session.
16:30	<b>Thank you and conference close.</b>

**Please note,** there will be a traditional music and storytelling Ceili evening hosted by the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership in the bar area of Lusty Beg from 19:00pm – everyone welcome.