

## DIARY CASE



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

## PREAMBLE

<b>Who is the Minister meeting?</b>	<p>Amanda Perkins - Curlew Country Project Manager</p> <p>Ian Danby - BASC Head of biodiversity</p> <p>Martin Clift - RSPB Cymru Conservation Officer</p> <p>Matt Goodall - GWCT Advisor Wales</p> <p>██████████ - NRW Lead Specialist Advisor – Ornithology</p> <p>Gemma Baron - National Trust Wales Assistant Nature Conservation Advisor</p>
<b>Who requested the meeting?</b>	Ian Danby on behalf of Gylfinir Cymru/Curlew Wales
<b>Primary purpose</b>	To demonstrate how curlew conservation in Wales fits into the wider policy context and to reinforce the message that Gylfinir Cymru is the “go to place” for curlew recovery advice.
<b>Is there an agreed agenda?</b>	Areas to discuss have been provided by Gylfinir Cymru. Please see purpose below.
<b>Which officials are supporting the Minister?</b>	██ ██████████
<b>Where is the meeting?</b>	<p>15.45: Meet the Minister at Pentrefoelas, Betws y Coed (Riverside Chocolate House, LL24 OLE) <a href="#">Home   Riverside Chocolate House</a>.</p> <p>16.00: Visit Ynys Wen and use the landscape as discussion markers of the challenges of curlew recovery and associated interventions (<a href="https://w3w.co/windmill.formless.scan">https://w3w.co/windmill.formless.scan</a>)</p> <p>17.00 (flexible) – Depart</p>
<b>Other practical considerations</b>	Car parking is available in the main car park. Minimum necessary number of cars to proceed to Ynys Wen.

Suitable shoes and clothing for walking outdoors such as walking shoes and waterproof jacket advised.
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## DIARY CASE BRIEFING

### Purpose

A site visit to allow the Minister to visit a curlew recovery project and site. Use the attributes of the landscape at Ynys Wen as discussion pointers to:

- **Demonstrate what “good” looks like** and how we can achieve “good” through appropriate funding, collaboration and skilled advisors.
- **Discuss the need for action at scale – temporal** (> than 5 years) and **spatial** (large geographical areas covering multiple farms and across the ICAs).
- **Present the multiple benefits** of curlew conservation, and how high-quality habitat restoration can deliver.
- **Highlight the key challenges** of saving breeding curlew, a species of farmed landscape, principally these are **predation impacts** by meso-predators and the need to reduce predation pressure to maximise hatching and overall breeding success and impacts of **new woodland planting** in curlew breeding areas.
- **Discuss how curlew conservation can co-exist with pressures to produce** food and public benefits in the uplands through the proposed Sustainable Farming Scheme.

### Current position and issues to note

1. In the meeting with Gylfinir Cymru on 22 September 2021 and at the launch of the Curlew recovery plan in November 2021 you gave your support to help tackle the plight of the Curlew and wish to visit a site.
2. There is provision in the Nature Networks Programme over the next 3 years to fund some of the actions identified in the Curlew recovery plan including the role of a species coordinator. The group have been working with NRW to work up the spec for this role as you requested it to be wider than just a Curlew coordinator.
3. Funding has been provided by WG in 2021/22 via NRW and Heritage Lottery to support Curlew projects across Wales. For example in the Elan Valley where fencing has been erected and measures taken to monitor and protect nests.
4. NRW and Heritage Lottery have been allocated funding to deliver the Nature Networks Programme. Details to be announced after the biodiversity deep dive has concluded. Funding will be for potentially up to 3 years which will address concerns over short term funding allocations.

5. Longer term the sustainable farming Scheme will be an important mechanism to support nature recovery balancing the needs of food security, planting trees for climate change and tackling nature emergency

**Points to make**

- Welsh Government is very much committed to tackling both the nature and climate emergencies and the subject is at the heart of decision making across government. This includes ensuring that our most precious habitats and species including the iconic Curlew are given the chance to recover and thrive.
- Welcome Gylfinir Cymru's proposal to support farmers in switching to more sustainable, less intensive, curlew-friendly farming practices as a matter of urgency.
- The Nature Networks Programme over next 3 years will provide sustainable funding to create resilient ecological networks and help critically endangered species such as Curlew through targeted interventions.
- The biodiversity deep dive will provide a set of collective actions to help us address the 30 x 30 target helping our most precious habitats and species to thrive for future generations.
- The forthcoming publication of the SFS scheme outline, consultation and co design process will be an opportunity for Gylfinir Cymru to further engage and influence the design phase ensuring we have a balance between food production and tackling both the nature and climate emergencies.