

NORTHERN UPLAND CHAIN
Local Nature Partnership



UPDATE

Theme	Curlew	
Objectives	To <u>at least</u> maintain the current population and range of curlew in the Northern Uplands Chain (NUC) with an ambition to increase the population and range by 2027.	
Board Champion	Amanda Miller	
Initiation	2017	
Date of update	8 th March 2019	
Work Area	Aim	Progress
Data	Data on curlew supports the best 'no regrets' support for land managers.	<p>The Curlew Data Project team comprises Janet Fairclough (RSPB), Abi Mansley (NNPA) and Paul Stevens (ERIC North East). A report was circulated with an update on this project. Web map (link below) has been updated with 5000 new records and layers shuffled a bit. This is now out to consultation with the PLs and will be the basis of the 'hotspot/stronghold' conversation mentioned in the project update below.</p> <p>https://eric-ne.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=07f4fd24efad4021a2ecfb65f2ed54ee</p> <p>Future costs and hosting upkeep/promotion of the webmap for use outside the partnership – thoughts on this emerging with a recommendation to come to the next curlew group meeting.</p>
Advisory	Land management advice for curlew is consistent, as good as it can be and interventions are applied to maximum effect.	The advisory project team comprises Chris Tomson (RSPB), Ian Court (YDNPA) and Gill Thompson (NNPA). Chris has made contact with as many advisers as he could get contact details for, has brought together thoughts on existing advice that could be packaged and promoted across the adviser network and sounded out thoughts for an upland curlew summit. Chris has now been joined by Gill and Ian to work through these ideas and bring back to the curlew group.

Communications	Everyone living, working and visiting the Northern Upland Chain has a stake in and cares about the future of curlew.	Communications planning is coordinated by Caroline O'Doherty caroline.odoherty@nnpa.org.uk (NNPA). A draft plan, and key messages, has been created, Caroline is making contact with someone in each of the Protected Landscapes to share and discuss the plan. Once the PL comms network for curlew has been established, the idea is to promote the comms plan and key messages across all members of the partnership to look for opportunities within organisations.
Priority curlew areas project	We protect the best: we are confident that we know our hotpots, how they relate to each other and that the best management for curlew is underway.	The project is lead for the curlew group by Liz Charman (RSPB), Funding Development Officer to be hosted by YDNPA funded by NUCLNP. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recruitment underway for funding officer, interviews 11th March 2019 [person now appointed, starts mid-May] - Meeting arranged with the data group to refine what we mean by hotspots or strongholds to inform the project development - Work programme for the funding officer in development to support a running start Key to this project development will be stakeholder engagement, the curlew group overall will be supporting this and ensuring it is at the heart of the development. The challenge/trick will be to develop and frame a project that might be suitable for Esmé Fairburn as DH indicated that a single species branded project would not be favourably received but that still fully delivers for curlew.
Other		The curlew group is chaired by AM, there is a terms of reference document for the group relating delivery to the overall objectives. The curlew group operates as a sounding board for work area development and a check-in against objectives. In addition to the work programme the curlew group is open to any other conversations relating to curlew, including the casework (primarily forestry) challenge. The group is also keen to keep abreast of other curlew initiatives and is connected into the UK & Ireland curlew group. <p>Things raised for the curlew group to incorporate into thinking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curlew in the lowlands; making contact with NELNP and considering how expanding to lowland areas might fit into the programme overall - Citizen science; further the developing the idea of reporting sightings more methodically building on work in Nidderdale - What about other species? Lapwing are still declining for instance