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Mr Patrick O'Reilly
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Dear Patrick

I am writing on behalf of the Fenland Wildfowler's Association (FWA) in support of BASC's application to include Wildfowling on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The FWA is the UK's second largest wildfowling club with 250 members, operating on the Wash foreshore between the Nene and the Great Ouse and on the Ouse Washes between Welney and Earith. www.fenlandwa.org.uk

The club itself was founded over 70 years ago in 1952, and prior to that there has been a rich history of wildfowling on the wash and the Fen's for many hundreds of years. Our wildfowling heritage needs to be protected as it is part of the fabric of this area's history.

The majority of our members have been wildfowling all of their lives and we have several who are at least third generation wildfowlers. Like many wildfowling clubs, our Association invests a great deal of time and money in maintaining traditional habits on our landholdings in the Ouse washes and it would be very welcome for these efforts to receive some formal recognition.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Chris Barker in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name 'Chris' and the last name 'Barker' clearly legible.

Chris Barker
Chairman – Fenland Wildfowler's Association