

TOLLESBURY WILDFOWLERS CLUB

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I am writing on behalf of Tollesbury Wildfowlers Club to offer our support to BASC in their effort to have Wildfowling included in the UK living Heritage Inventories.

Tollesbury Wildfowlers Club was formed in February 1964, it continues to take members from the village of Tollesbury and two neighbouring villages along the north shore of the Blackwater Estuary in Essex.

In the clubs sixtytwo year existence it has maintained a membership of around sixty wildfowlers with many following in their fathers footsteps. The club currently has two families with three generations of members and the current Chairman is the third generation of his family to hold the position with his grandfather and uncle holding the role since the clubs formation, his father is a committee member and his uncle is now Club President.

We think that this is evidence that wildfowling is a locally rooted coastal tradition which dates back centuries and has shaped and continues to shape the landscape, local language and a community togetherness, it helps to pass on a knowledge of the flora and fauna that inhabits this environment, of tides, weather patterns and habitat management skills through generations of local families and should be included in the UK Living Heritage Inventories.

Clive Houlding

Secretary

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