

Becoming a Wildfowler – Dyfi, Mawddach and Dysynni Wildfowlers - Mentorship

Self motivation

Wildfowling wasn't something that really came from my immediate family. My grandfather had some connection to shooting, but not directly to wildfowling. My interest grew from general shooting — starting with an air rifle, then progressing to a shotgun when I was about 14.

Once I had my licence and later my car, I had the freedom to go out independently. That was when it really took hold. I would drive long distances just to spend a day on the marsh, sometimes being out for nearly 24 hours at a time.

I learned everything by doing — watching the tides, understanding the landscape, and building experience over time. No one could teach it all; you had to learn it yourself. That process of trial, observation, and patience was what truly made me a wildfowler.