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HOW BASC HELPS WILDFOWLERS



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The WAGBI heritage is strong in BASC. As well as a dedicated wildfowling team, there are numerous experienced wildfowlers on BASC council, working at BASC head office, and on the country and regional staff. Together they provide a range of services for their fellow wildfowlers which no other organisation can offer.

For free advice on any aspect of wildfowling, whether it concerns a club or your sport as an individual, your first port of call should be the wildfowling team. If particular specialist advice is needed they will be able to provide the contact, for instance to the firearms or land management teams. And in the rare case where a consultant is needed BASC has a register of recommended consultants.

Depending on the circumstances, among the many services the wildfowling team can give to members free of charge are:

- Negotiate leases - on Crown Estate and other foreshore areas
- Advice on land purchases and financial packages
- Simple application and competitive loans from the WHT - www.wht.org.uk
- Negotiate consents on SSSI and other designated sites
- Represent individuals or groups in conflict resolution between BASC members and people opposed to shooting
- Advice on insurance
- Provide assistance on health and safety risk assessments
- Help with child protection policies.
- Advice on bag returns - statistics analysis and confidentiality
- Provide guidance for wildfowling input to coastal forums and estuary groups
- Advice on habitat management
- Advice on membership and recruitment - marketing and growth development
- Help develop club websites
- Provide advice on management grants - such as Environmental Stewardship
- Give club talks

BASC is working for you

Since September 2004 BASC's work for wildfowling clubs has included securing 37 leases on Crown Estate foreshore, and 41 consents (not necessarily on the same sites):

- 26 consents have been negotiated with Natural England.
- 11 consents have been negotiated with the Countryside Council for Wales.
- 4 consents have been negotiated with the Environment and Heritage Service, Northern Ireland.

The total length of foreshore included in these sites is approximately 420 km.

In addition to negotiating leases and consents for wildfowling clubs, we have also helped to:

- Establish protocols for transferring sporting rights from the Countryside Council for Wales to four clubs.
- Secured sporting rights leases on four new areas of Crown Estate foreshore, in two cases doubling the clubs' landholdings.
- The Crown Estate lease programme has seen new clubs established over the years, and we are currently helping to set up a new club to secure the sporting rights on another new area of foreshore.
- We are actively pursuing an amendment to a puntgunning agreement on one estuary that does not allow current club members to transfer their permits.

"On behalf of Devon Wildfowlers' Association I would like to thank all of the conservation team for the time, effort and resources that you gave to secure our new Crown foreshore lease and consent from NE at Lymestone on the Exe estuary. I think the conduct and professionalism shown by all concerned has been superb throughout and there is no way that we would have achieved this without you."

**ANDY CHADWICK,
Honorary Secretary -
Devon Wildfowlers' Association**

How BASC can help YOUR CLUB call 01244 573 011

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| ✓ We need advice on club management, membership and recruitment | ✓ We need help with our child protection policy | ✓ We need advice as our foreshore/marsh is within a designated site (ASSI, SSSI, SPA) |
| ✓ We need advice on the negotiation of a wildfowling lease | ✓ We need help on saltmarsh management (eg creation of scrapes, Spartina management) | ✓ We need advice on setting up a shooting returns system |
| ✓ We need guidance on health and safety, and risk assessments | ✓ We need advice on website creation | ✓ We need help on responding to an estuary consultation |
| ✓ We need advice on funding land purchases | ✓ We need advice on grants | ✓ We need help on local plans for flood defences |
| | ✓ We have problems with animal rights activists | |

How BASC can help: YOU call 01244 573 011 or email wildfowling@basc.org.uk

- ✓ I want to try out the BASC wildfowling permit scheme
- ✓ I want general advice about wildfowling
- ✓ I need advice on lead alternatives
- ✓ I would like to join a local wildfowling club

