



**THE
UPPER ONNY
WILDLIFE GROUP**
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**UOWG Curlew Appeal Sub-Committee
Terms of Reference**

Monitoring and reversing the decline of Curlews is a long-term project. The sub-Committee will, on behalf of UOWG:-

1. Take all necessary steps to raise funds for Curlew nest monitoring and protection, establishing the behaviour and fate of chicks prior to fledging, and promoting recovery of the population, in the Upper Onny and surrounding area. The Appeal Fund can be spent on these purposes and activities only.
2. Actively encourage donors to pay by Monthly or Annual Bank Standing Order, to build the Appeal Fund for long-term use.
3. Manage the fund to ensure that the appropriate level of nest monitoring is carried out for as many years as possible (i.e. receipts can be carried forward, rather than be spent in the year received)
4. Make payments to an expert contractor or purchase equipment, directly or through another organisation, as appropriate.
5. Attempt to obtain the email address of every donor, to send them progress reports as appropriate, and an Annual Report.
6. Notify the email list of donors of any proposed changes to the purpose of the Appeal Fund (item 1 above) prior to implementation, to provide each individual with an opportunity to amend or cancel their Bank Standing Order.

Decisions can be taken by consensus via email correspondence. Failure of a member to reply within one week will be counted as an abstention, but if any member objects, the proposal must be referred to a meeting or withdrawn. Any member of the sub-committee can requisition a meeting by writing to the Secretary, but at least one week's notice must be given. Decisions at meetings will be by majority vote and, in the event of a tie, the Chair will also have a casting vote.

All funds raised will be kept in a separate Curlew Appeal Bank Account. Cheque signatories will be the same as for the main UOWG Bank Account. An Annual income and expenditure account will be published on the website, and be included in the UOWG Accounts presented to the Annual Meeting for adoption.

Members of the Sub-committee will be elected by the UOWG Committee after each Annual Meeting, and shall give a report to each committee meeting. Founder members will be the UOWG Officers (Richard Keymer, Alyson Small and Janet Poynton) and the Appeal Co-ordinator (Leo Smith). The sub-committee may co-opt up to two additional members, including representatives of other organisations that actively support the Appeal.

If the Appeal is wound up, for whatever reason, any remaining fund will be donated to the nearest similar Curlew conservation project.