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To: [Redacted] [Matthew Goodall](#)
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Follow up discussion regarding curlew conservation, predation pressure and future policy
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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email below to Matt. I had been intending to write to you following our last meeting where you mentioned that you would like to see video footage of the use of Humane Cable Restraints as Mike Short Senior Mammal Ecologist has put together a presentation which will include video footage from his work. Mike has been working on predator management, both non-lethal and lethal methods for over 20 years and leads on our work GPS-tracking foxes and understanding their diet in the Avon Valley. <https://www.gwct.org.uk/blogs/news/2018/july/tracking-foxes-in-the-avon-valley-an-update/>

We would very much like to arrange a Teams meeting with you all (and anyone else who you think it would be useful) to see Mike Short's presentation. We could also invite one of GWCT's Upland Ecologist to talk about the importance of future use of HCRs for ground nesting birds such as curlew from the results at Langham where I understand that two thirds of the foxes were removed through the use of snares.

Please can you let me have some ideas of dates when this could work for you in the new year. Also please let me know if you can think of anyone else we should invite.

Best wishes

Sue

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 December 2021 11:29

To: Matthew Goodall [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Follow up discussion regarding curlew conservation, predation pressure and future policy

Hi Matt

Following on from the email exchange below, is this still something you wish to discuss?

We met with Sue Evans a few weeks ago to discuss the banning of snares in Wales but happy to meet with you for discussion if you would like?

The Programme for Government includes a pledge to ban their use in Wales which is our intention. Both the First Minister and the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd have stated they are committed to introducing a ban at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2021 14:11

To: Matthew Goodall [REDACTED]

Cc: Rachel Evans [REDACTED] Amanda Perkins [REDACTED]

Ian Danby [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Follow up discussion regarding curlew conservation, predation pressure and future policy

Hi Matt,

With sincere apologies for not responding to you before now. I had it in my head that I had but evidently had not!

As your focus is to discuss the intention of banning of the use of snares I'm copying in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who lead on this aspect and better placed to respond to your request. I am of course happy to be part of any meeting arranged to discuss in relation to wider aspects of predator control.

With regard to the launch yesterday – I agree was very positive and look forward to working with the group to endeavour to make it happen.

Regards

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From: Matthew Goodall [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2021 15:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Rachel Evans [REDACTED] Amanda Perkins [REDACTED]
Ian Danby [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Follow up discussion regarding curlew conservation, predation pressure and future policy

Dear [REDACTED]

Assuming you were able to attend the Curlew Action Plan launch today, I thought I'd try you again while the plight of curlew is fresh in all our minds.

I hope you've found time to consider my initial message below from the 30th September, and wondered if you could respond letting me know either way whether you would be willing to meet with myself, Amanda, Rachel and Ian?

With best wishes,
Matt Goodall

From: Matthew Goodall
Sent: 21 October 2021 14:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Rachel Evans [REDACTED] Amanda Perkins [REDACTED]
Ian Danby [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Follow up discussion regarding curlew conservation, predation pressure and future policy
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

I wondered if you had had chance to consider my message below from the 30th September, and whether you would be willing to meet to discuss further?

With best wishes,
Matt Goodall

From: Matthew Goodall

Sent: 30 September 2021 17:07

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Rachel Evans [REDACTED] Amanda Perkins [REDACTED]

Ian Danby [REDACTED]

Subject: Follow up discussion regarding curlew conservation, predation pressure and future policy

Dear [REDACTED]

Following Gylfinir Cymru's meeting last week with Julie James and yourself, I wondered if it would be possible if we could arrange another meeting to discuss an urgent matter regarding curlew conservation in Wales? If left unchallenged this matter has the potential to seriously impede any future curlew conservation in Wales, no matter what funding or plans are put in place.

I must stress at this point that the group which wish to meet with you are all individual members of Gylfinir Cymru, but we cannot meet under the banner of Gylfinir Cymru due to varying organisational policies within the Gylfinir Cymru group. We do however have the acceptance of such a meeting from those on the call last week who cannot attend this proposed meeting due to organisational/ body policies, but to reiterate this would not be a Gylfinir Cymru meeting.

You will be aware that on the 21st September 2021 Welsh Government published 'Our Response and Forward Plan' for the Agriculture (Wales) White Paper which stated '*We will bring forward legislation to amend the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to **ban the use of snares and glue traps***'.

It is my personal opinion, and the view of the GWCT that banning the use of snares in Wales has the potential to cause disastrous consequences to any future curlew conservation efforts. I would also state that an outright ban need not be the only option for Welsh Government. I know this view is also supported by those CC'd in to this message who wish to attend a meeting with you to have the opportunity to outline our fears and discuss potential solutions.

As a scientific research charity the GWCT has completed 200 man-years worth of research into the efficacy and humanness of snares. Our research led to the creation of the code compliant snare, also known as a humane cable restraint, which through testing was found to meet the conditions of the international standard for humane restraining traps within the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). We also know that there is no other method of fox control which is as efficient at enabling the control of foxes in all scenarios.

Would you be happy to meet in the near future to discuss our concerns in more detail?

With thanks and best wishes,
Matt Goodall

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