

SOS Board Meeting 25 October, 2017

Report of Conservation Sub-Committee

SWT/SOS 'Save our Curlews' Campaign, Appeal, and other Curlew initiatives

The Board received a detailed report, including the proposed strategy, and agreed that:

1. The revised Outline Strategy be approved;
2. That the £2,500 earmarked by SOS for Curlew conservation should be donated to the SWT / SOS Appeal; and
3. That the *Shropshire Curlew Group* should be informed that it is the Society's strong recommendation and a requirement of its support that:
 - i. the priority for action and funding should be action on the ground, particularly nest finding and protection and monitoring chick survival; and management costs, including salaries, should be kept to an absolute minimum and only to ensure good governance of the project;
 - ii. while continuing the excellent work of Tony Cross in the LPS/SSP area is the priority, work should also start in other parts of the County as soon as possible; and
 - iii. any work or projects that are not directly managed by the *Shropshire Curlew Group* or SWT should be encouraged to work closely with all members of the *Shropshire Curlew Group*. Such work will only be funded from the Appeal if it has compatible, rather than conflicting, aims and objectives, and full reports are provided to the *Group*

Graham Walker

Chair, SOS Conservation Sub-Committee

Leo Smith

SOS representative on *Shropshire Curlew Group*