

# Who we are?

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## **When did GWT establish and with whom?**

Established in 1992 as partnership between BASC and GWCT – later bringing NGO and SGA representatives.

## **Why GWT was formed and what were its original aims?**

To support gamekeepers and their families in disablement, infirmity in the elderly and poverty.

## **How have those aims changed?**

Gamekeepers continue to find challenges in ill health, financial problems, relationships, retirement, redundancy, and many other issues which can become overwhelming especially working alone.

GWT continues to evolve, helping gamekeepers with all these problems and to find solutions, signposting to appropriate agencies and supporting along the way.

- Confidential service
- None judgemental
- Available 365 days of the year

## **Who is GWT?**

Board of Trustees made up of representatives of BASC, GWCT, NGO and SGA organisations and individuals with extensive knowledge of Gamekeeping and its challenges.

Chairman: The Earl of Aylesford.

Trustees: - Ken Butler, David Clark, Walter Cole, Ian Grindy, Raymond Holt, Brian Mitchell, Lady Scott and Dr Mike Swan.

Treasurer: Philip Holt.

Chief Executive: Helen M J Benson.

Volunteers and support from all the major gamekeeping organisations.

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## Who does GWT help?

Supporting Gamekeepers, future, present and past and their dependents.

## When does GWT help?

From the moment you feel you would like information on becoming a Gamekeeper, throughout your life and that of your dependents. The helpline is open every day of the year and can be by email, telephone or text.

## What does GWT do?

### 1. Financial Grants

- a) Welfare Grants
- b) Educational Grants

### 2. Helpline

- a) Listening and support service
- b) Providing information on a range of issues related to employment i.e. contracts, job descriptions, health and safety, legal matters, housing, and welfare

### 3. Job register and employment service

- a) For anyone who wishes to become a gamekeeper, is a gamekeeper and requires information
- b) Which matches employer to employee
- c) Provides information on contracts, job descriptions helps with C.V.'s and support along the way

### 4. Keepers Key Fund

- a) Provides grants for deposits, rent top ups and anything concerning the provision of housing
- b) Information on all issues related to tied housing, supports in sourcing alternative accommodation in redundancy, leaving gamekeeping temporarily or permanently and in retirement

## How does GWT function?

- Most of the work is carried out by volunteers.
- Raising funds by fundraising and receipt of donations.
- Support from the main gamekeeping organisations.
- Based within the NGO and SGA stands at Game Fairs.

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