



'I am so proud of her for what she does and would like to show her our appreciation for all her hard work and support for the shoot, and especially me' - Steve Stringer talking about wife Sue.

### Factsheets

New fact sheets in 2021 included everything you need to know on housing taxes, rents, legalities and options from Barkers Accountants in North Yorkshire, Knights Solicitors and Thorntons in various locations in Scotland as well as Debt and everything you need to know about Energy and keeping Warm from our very own Ruth Minty.

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### New Family Grants



### Order a fundraising cartridge box for 2022

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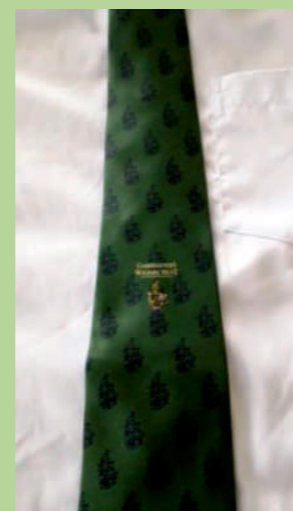
## Merchandise available



Lens cloth £1.00



Hats £6.00



Ties £12.50



Cards £2.00



Survival kit £5.00



Bottle £3.50



Notebook £2.50



Pens £2.00



Mugs £6.00



Rucksack £5.00



Hearts £6.00



Flags with logo £10.00



Flags with text £6.00



LED Torch £3.00



# Tweed Times

The Gamekeepers Welfare Trust Review

2021 Snipe 2021



## Gamekeeper's Welfare Trust



**FREE**  
Gamekeeping for Life Packs for gamekeepers, stalkers & ghillies



**FREE**  
Ladies Packs for female partners & wives



**FREE**  
Information Packs for students



Housing Help



**FREE**  
helpline to call



Financial Help

### Dependants Past & Present

Our support is for people in \*gamekeeping jobs and their dependants past & present: partners, spouses, children, parents. Not sure? Give us a call free on Jamie's Helpline. What have you got to lose?



**FREE**  
STAG training for gamekeepers, stalkers & ghillies

Help Sheets to download from the website

Rural Recruits Jobs, C.V. support & more



People who know your lifestyle to talk to



**FREE HIND** training for wives & female partners



**FREE**  
Counselling

\*Pssst! When we say 'gamekeepers', it's shorthand, and always includes stalkers and ghillies

Planning for retirement Seminar available to view on YouTube



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## 2021 - A Year of Resilience and Resourcefulness

Resilience and resourcefulness are words which can describe the shooting community during 2021. The second wave of Corvid 19 in the early part of the year, extremes in weather which ended with storm Arwen and so many battles on the horizon have severely tested us all. However, there are also so many positive and inspiring stories to recall in local communities, our shooting organisations and local groups as well as individuals throughout the countryside. Helping each other in adversity and individual loss, whether a loved one, health or a job which means the world to those who dedicate their whole working lives to gamekeeping, stalking or being a deer ghillie or river.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit to the GWT stand of Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, taking a keen interest in all things gamekeeping at the GWCT Scone Game Fair in September. Together with Alan our Development Officer in Scotland, Ruth our Communication Manager we were offered the opportunity to explain the work we do which was a privilege and a pleasure.

We were thrilled to announce the winner of the Game Bird of the Year in July (see inside) in Sue Stringer who especially came up from Chirk in Wales to meet us at the Tanfield Grouse in North Yorkshire in August with her husband Steve. Honorary President Sir John Scott Bt presented the award



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as he did to John Tipping aged 10 who was given a surprise announcement in November for the Young Gamekeeper award at Kettering. This was managed in conjunction with Shoffell who so kindly filmed the event and went on to raise a simply fantastic £12,000 on their country range during Black Friday weekend. We are all indebted to the Tipping family.

The Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust has not rested on its laurels but has increased services to accommodate current conditions and has introduced a new family grant in 2021 designed to help families who have lost a parent or a parent who has serious health problems. It is hard enough to manage without worrying about every penny coming in. Secondly, we have announced a new heating grant to assist in a climate of rocketing costs for gas, electric and traditional fuels.

Ruth Kerr who continues her excellent work in keeping everyone informed and has taken on increased responsibilities as Communications Manager, recognising the importance and superb imaginative approach to her work in engaging and reaching out to those who support GWT, who

are recipients of support and the general public. We are all delighted and look forward to a resumed Year of the Gamekeeper and our 30th Anniversary in 2022 with excitement and anticipation.

Rural Recruits has had a busy year with Ruth (B) at the helm fielding calls and answering queries regarding jobs as well as keeping everyone informed of positions available. This is a vital tool in the provision of services.

We thank everyone who has taken an interest, supported us in events and fundraising and our team of staff and volunteers who work so hard to help those who require a helping hand in whatever capacity that may be.

Thank you all.



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Follow us on social media for up to date information, news releases and dates for your diary!

## What is the Trust?

The Gamekeepers Welfare Trust offers four main areas of help for gamekeepers, stalkers and ghillies and their dependents:

### New from GWT: counselling service

Our 2019/20 Raise the Game survey, published June 2020, confirmed the need to provide further services to help alleviate stress and promote mental health well-being.

This has been reinforced by the Scottish Gov't report "Driven grouse moors – socioeconomic and biodiversity impacts," contributed to by members of SGA, BASC Scotland and Scottish Moorland Groups.

From 1 December 2020 we're adding a counselling service to our range of support, which already includes a textline, free helpline, and specially-developed training.

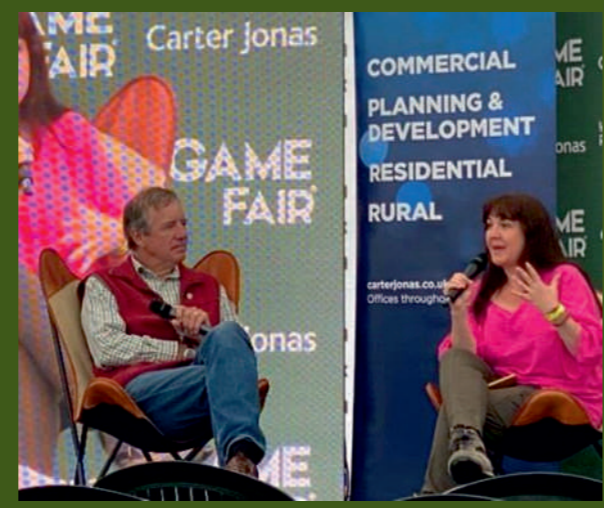
Call 0300 1233 088 or enquiries@thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com to benefit.

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Our very own Ruth Kerr speaking so eloquently at the 2021 Game Fair on the Field Sports stage.



We offer a range of financial help - our **Keeping Warm Grant** is the latest addition to the grants you can claim from GWT.

Gamekeepers, stalkers & ghillies (or people who have been in those jobs) can contact the GWT office now and talk about **Keeping Warm**.



Keeping Warm Grant

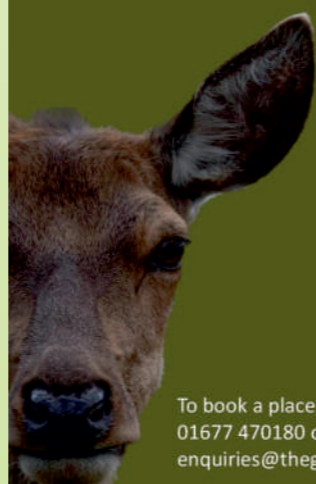
GAMEKEEPERS' WELFARE TRUST STAG TRAINING INITIATIVE WITH IED  
"Being there for gamekeepers, stalkers and ghillies"  
Helpline: 0300 1233 088

**STAG Training Course** IED  
This half day course has been specifically designed for gamekeepers ghillies and stalkers and those with management responsibilities within the gamekeeping profession and shooting community.  
**Set Goals**  
**Take Action**  
**Awareness**  
**Get Talking**

Bookings can be made by telephone: 01677 470180 or email: enquiries@thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com or through our website: www.thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com

We can hold these courses anywhere and with reasonable notice anytime 01677 470180 enquiries@thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com for further information

**HIND: for the partners of gamekeepers, stalkers & ghillies**  
Helping you understand mental health issues  
Instigating new ways of communication  
Nurturing yourself and each other  
Developing resilience



GWT recognise the partners of gamekeepers are often the lynchpin of the family unit and under additional pressure during tough times. HIND is about supporting and encouraging anyone who is, or could be, affected with coping strategies and more.

HIND is free and online with accompanying notes and support throughout. There are 6 delegates on each course, with 7 sessions over 4 weeks, all on a confidential platform.

To book a place, contact the GWT office by calling 01677 470180 or emailing enquiries@thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com



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# Helping Us

A big thank you to everyone who has raised funds for us in 2021, large or small we appreciate everything you do and it really does make a difference.

To name a few:

Game & Country event in October with Ruth and Alan featured.  
The Country Girls -Walking/Running during February £3810.00  
Georgia and Katie - Ben Nevis and so much more £3340.00  
Curtis Mossop Head Shave £940.00  
Megan and Emily's Yorkshire 3 Peaks £740.00



## The Long Walk Home

This spring, stalkers and gamekeepers from the Scottish Highlands will be taking 'The Long Walk Home' from Glasgow to Fort William: aka The 96m West Highland Way.

In their words "Our team is determined to raise as much as they can for the Gamekeepers Welfare Trust, in order to help them continue to provide this invaluable and vital service for many years to come. In a sense, to give a little something back, demonstrate solidarity and fly the flag of the gamekeeping community nationwide. Demonstrating that even in these times of crisis...We are as one."



We will remember them  
For all those who have lost a gamekeeper in their family



THANKYOU

Random Acts of Brownies raised £48.79 for us, sending out the most brownies they have ever sent out!

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The Country Girls UK raised an amazing \*£5,500.00 for us by walking, running, cycling or riding c7000km in February

\*£5841 inc Gift Aid



THANKYOU

Girls Tackle Nevis 'we wanted to give something back to our community, this past year has seen many struggles and Gamekeepers Welfare Trust is there every step of the way'

THANKYOU

Eoghan's Photography Fundraiser 'My name is Eoghan. I'm 9 years old. I'm selling my edited photos on tiles to raise money for a charity called the Gamekeepers Welfare Trust because they have kept in touch and made sure we're ok since my Dad died last year'.



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