



Tweed Times

The Gamekeepers Welfare Trust Review

Roe Deer 2022



1992 - 2022 Tradition & Change



In the 30th year of the existence of the Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust it is natural to take stock and consider the progression of achievements thus far and vision for the future. You would be correct in an assumption that change is always happening, in our own lives, in our work and in our environment.

Tradition too though, in carrying on regardless, doing our best with the cards we are played and managing and estates in the ways we know. Tradition in coming together for the Game Fairs and social events which provide the glue for our communities and tradition in looking after each other.

Technology is a tool which can be adapted to provide valuable management data, information quickly and effectively whilst understanding its limitations and drawbacks. For the Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust and our Communications Manager, Ruth it has created an opportunity to inform and distribute information and opportunities on a wide variety of platforms and reach.

Thank you to our volunteers and supporters without whom our help could not reach and support our gamekeeping families.

For the Gamekeepers Welfare Trust, tradition plays an important role in the work we do – looking after those who may need a helping hand in whatever way is needed, keeping in touch and getting back out to the Game Fairs and events to re-connect with our “Raising the Game” partners and others. Most importantly the keepers, stalkers, and their families who with other land based workers are the life and soul of the communities. Whom GWT supports, but who also support GWT in innovative and traditional ways.

Shoot sweeps, donations, events, and individual giving, memorial donations and so much more. We are continually amazed, humbled and grateful in equal measure.



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That the life of the gamekeeper is intertwined with family life is clearly demonstrated with the Lady Scott Award and Young Gamekeeper Awards. We had a fabulous time in visiting the Welsh Game Fair this year and springing a complete surprise on the remarkable and courageous Lorry Roberts and later on to Esme Daubrah at the Yorkshire Game Fair and Shooting Show and on a shoot day at Highclere Estate with Tom Waite and his family towards the end of the year. To see the pride of the families and the delight of the recipient is rich reward indeed; we hope they all enjoyed their day and know that they are all fantastic role models in their dedication and love for their families, their communities, and their own estates/shoots.

Keeping in touch seems to be ever more important and appreciated by everyone.

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



Our little gestures of support are manifested in all sorts of ways but most notably cards with a small gift.

The Nurse Advice Clinic was launched in November and is open for anyone who is involved in land based occupations or who was and their families whatever stage of life they may be – for children, for working parents, for those in later life. We are committed to do the best we can in every way possible.



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November brought rejuvenation of the Memory Tree and remembering gamekeepers/stalkers and ghillies throughout the UK. **We remember them.**





NURSE ADVICE CLINIC & HEALTH LINE

"Being there for gamekeepers, stalkers and ghillies"

Nurse Helpline: 0300 011 0018



Talk to a nurse at our Nurse Advice Clinic

Nurse Advice Clinic is for anyone who is, or has been, a Gamekeeper, Stalker or Ghillie and their families.

Open *
Mon 9am-11am
& Wed 6pm-8pm



Book at Health@GWT
Gamekeepers Welfare Trust
thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com
 or call the Health Line on
0300 011 0018



Our nurses Sue and Becky



*Times/days may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

NEWS

GWT Support Grant

When someone is diagnosed with an illness, there are all kinds of worries and ripple effects through your lives.

There's the physical and emotional impact of conditions like stroke, heart disease, cancer. And practical worries: ongoing hospital visits, time off work, dietary needs, childcare, and more.

There are 2 criteria for our new grant:

- you are (or were) a gamekeeper, stalker, ghillie or an associated professional
- that you or a member of your family has been diagnosed with an illness/condition

We are the gamekeeping family - here to support you and your family whatever happens. Contact us confidentially to talk.



- You don't need to be a technical genius or have broadband to make a call
- Confidential space to talk openly and honestly about any health matter
- Book appointments easily by phone or online
- Zoom or Teams appointments available if preferred
- Evening appointments available
- Speak to a nurse on any health concern
- Avoid long waiting times
- It makes a difference to know that the nurses understand rural life
- Repeat appointments welcome if required



"Fantastic Four" Helping Us Awards

Game Bird of the Year 2022 Lorrie Roberts presented with her award at the Welsh Game Fair at Bangor in August along with husband John and family



Eoghan Graham receiving his richly deserved award at Moy Game Fair raising almost £5000 for GWT from his photo sales

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Young Gamekeeper of the Year (Senior) Esme Daubrah at the Yorkshire Game Fair and Shooting Show with Honorary President Sir John Scott Bt

Young Gamekeeper of the Year (Junior) Tom Waite at the Highclere Castle Shoot with his proud family





Continued appreciation for sponsorship and support from Hull Cartridge – thank you



To Game & Country
Thank you for continued support and sponsorship of the Lady Scott and Young Gamekeeper Awards

A very big thank you to shoots, Gundog trials and other events who have contributed from the 2022/23 season
Very much appreciated all.

We have also been generously supported by sales of or contributions from various products. Most notably from the Shuttlesocks (amazing), Country Life Kids (incredible) and Blaze & Gordon for their super calendar, Eoghan Graham for his gorgeous photographs, Steve James for his lovely book “The Three Rivers Adventure” and Girls with Gundogs for sales of their super caps. and so much more.

Thank you so much.



BGA - From hosting afternoon tea at the Game Fair to the marvellous Three Peaks – thank you



Thank you for fantastic fundraising around the regions



Thank you for promoting our work



Through the SGA Charitable Trust, a donation of £3000.00 has been received with sincere gratitude and thank you to all the committee and staff who are so supportive on every front

Helping us

Helping us is manifested in so many ways – it may be fundraising through Clay Shoots, runs, adventures, dinners, and individual donations from shoots and Trusts. We are grateful to everyone and every penny raised which can make such a difference to the services we can offer and the beneficiaries we can support.

We are sorry we cannot mention every individual but these are just a few of the events held on our behalf or individual outstanding challenges – you are all awesome!



We must mention Ruth our brilliant Communications Manager who does so much for GWT but does not stop there and raised £1000 having her hair cut and also donating her luxurious locks to the Little Princess Trust.

Shooting for Sam, Vinnie Jones Clay Shoot at Six Mile Bottom, Steve Smith's Clay Shoot in Lincolnshire and the Mammoth Zip Line by Joanne Mann.

Remembering Andy Cox, the Tayside and Central Perthshire Sky Dive, Brodie Castle Run, Great North Run by Jessica Jones, The Highland Farmers Ball and a significant achievement in the Three National Peaks by Louisa North and her sister Serena. Thank you so much everyone.



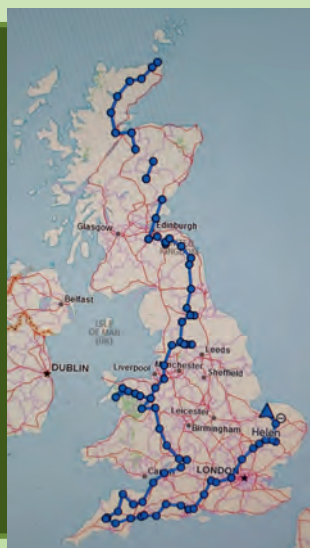
Helping us

In Spring 2022 Ronald Rose completed A Walk with Shaun - walking from one end of Scotland to the other in 24 days, covering over 480 miles. As well as raising vital funds for the Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust (GWT) in their Year of the Gamekeeper, he has generated invaluable awareness among his peers of the assistance the GWT provides.

Ronald lost his much-valued friend and colleague in 2019 when Shaun took his own life and walked in his memory. "Given the work the GWT does to support those in our industry, I wanted to use the trek to fundraise for the GWT and raise awareness about the help available for those struggling with their wellbeing in general, as well as those who consider taking their own life." Ronald, a Wildlife Ranger Manager for Forestry & Land Scotland, is from a long line of deer and wildlife managers.

Despite many years in this line of work, or perhaps because of it, he doesn't take the personal challenges lightly: long hours, challenging

weather, solitary working, and more. "It's OK not to be OK. And it's more than OK, it's the strong thing to do, to tell a family member, a trusted friend or work colleague, or specialists like the Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust, about what problems you are facing and how you are feeling."



Almost at the same time at the end of April Helen travelled throughout the UK on "Helen's Way", travelling by every means of transport keepers have used from ponies to quad bike, boat and much more! Meeting so many keepers on estates and shoots providing a huge variety of sport, habitat and conservation it was a fascinating insight to the challenges and the rewards which keepers, ghillies and stalkers experience every day. A big thank you to everyone who helped her on her way and supported the cause most generously.



Merchandise available



Lens cloth £1.00



Hats £6.00



Bottle £3.50



Ties £12.50



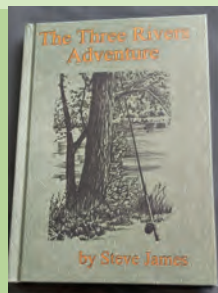
Cards £2.00



Survival kit £5.00



Notebook £2.50



Three Rivers Adventure £12.50



Mugs £6.00



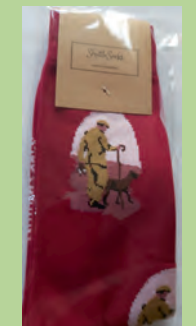
Rucksack £5.00



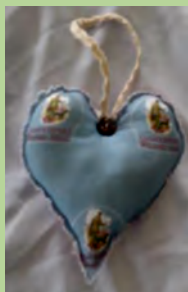
Pens £2.00



White Flags with text £7.00



Shuttle Socks £8.50



Hearts £6.00



Flags with logo £10.00



Flags with text £6.00



LED Torch £3.00