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A Christmas message from the team

The Curlew Action team would like to wish a Happy New Year to all our friends and supporters. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy in these difficult times, and that you are having a relaxing end to the year and looking forward to a refreshing start to the next one!

Reflections on 2021

As another year of hard work comes to an end, we all have a lot to be proud of. We have supported crucial conservation work this year through our work with the CRP, WWT and Curlew Country, helping to provide resources and expertise to give small curlew populations their best chance at recovery. We've also made big steps in our outreach work, telling the story of the curlew and helping the public to understand what we stand to lose if we don't improve our relationship with the wildlife around us. To read more about what your support has helped us achieve this year at Curlew Action, read our latest [blog post](#).



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New Networks for Nature Conference

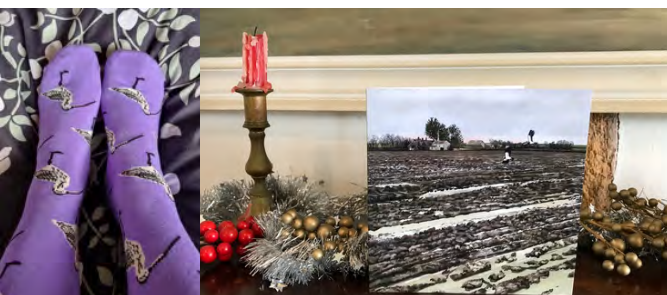
The Curlew Action team were involved in organising the wonderful New Networks for Nature conference in Bath this November. The event provided an opportunity for those working with nature, through the arts, science and conservation, to come together to share ideas and devise creative solutions to nature's problems. It was an inspirational few days, capped off by an amazing performance from our patron David Gray in conversation with Mary Colwell, discussing music, creativity, nature and, of course, curlews. Hearing a few of his songs played live in a beautiful church was a rare treat!



Photo credit: @HedgehogHugh

Update on Merchandise: you've helped raise: £10,000!

Another success of this year is the funds we have raised in order to support our important work. By buying our merchandise and cards, you've helped us to raise thousands of pounds which are being spent carefully to ensure that we do what is best for wildlife and curlews. This includes sales of our merchandise, which has grown from just a few cards in 2020 to a fully fledged retail operation being run from some of our team members' homes, selling socks, badges, cards and a range of t-shirts and sweatshirts to suit all tastes. Every time you wear your Curlew Action merchandise you are helping to raise awareness about our mission! To check out what we have available, visit our [shop](#).



Update on GCSE in Natural History



The ongoing campaign for a GCSE in natural history is moving forward and we are hopeful that a yes is coming soon! The debate around the GCSE in Westminster at the start of December was promising. Unfortunately, the meeting with the department of education to discuss the GCSE on the 15th of December was postponed until January. Ahead of this meeting we have received support from senior academics across the country. We will keep you updated on how this progresses.

2022 Seminar series

There's plenty coming up in the next year to get excited about, including our seminar series 'Conservation: lessons from the Curlew', which will bring in a wide variety of experts from across the world of conservation to give us their perspectives on the issues facing modern conservation and the impact on curlews. Our guests will be in conversation with Mary Colwell and there will be change to ask questions. More details will be released in January, but the rough programme is below. Tickets to these virtual events will be free, but we hope people will donate and support us. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from what the curlew is teaching us about the modern world.

- Curlew on farmland - 16th February
- Headstarting - 16th March
- Curlews and culture - 18th May
- Predator control for biodiversity - 17th August
- Managing the uplands - 14th September
- Forestry - 16th November



A 1000 mile walk for curlews

Curlew Action's Chair of Trustees, Roger Morgan- Grenville, will be walking 930 miles next year, from Lymington on the south coast of England to Cape Wrath on the north-west coast of Scotland. The aim is two-fold - to tell the story of the loss of the UK's biodiversity, and to raise funds for Curlew Action. Roger aims to raise £75,000 over the course of his walk, which will help our charity do crucial work next year. Any support you can give, whether by sponsoring him or by offering supper and a night's accommodation somewhere along his route, would be massively appreciated! Perhaps even join him for a day? To support Roger click [here!](#)

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