

WETLAND, WET GRASSLAND AND FRESHWATER
Strathspey Wetland and Waders Initiative

Collaboration between agricultural advisors, conservation bodies and farmers helping to tailor land management to fit with the needs of both farms and the breeding waders they support

Over the last 10 years, over 30,000 ha have been managed for wading birds in Strathspey on over 100 productive farms, using agri-environment funding as well as funds from other sources. The work done by the farming community in Strathspey and Badenoch speaks for itself as wader populations have, on some sites, as much as trebled according to the data collected in the most recent survey.

The Strathspey Wetland and Waders Initiative (SWWI) works with farmers across Strathspey and Badenoch to help with on-farm management plans and provide funding for bespoke projects to benefit the wader populations in the Park.

SWWI has also run a successful equipment loan scheme which can loan a flail topper to improve swards and an aerator which can improve soil health. The equipment loaned on behalf of SWWI to farmers has been immensely popular and successful.



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