

## Woodcock Snipe Newsletter 2016-17 end of season

A great season despite warm conditions was had by most groups except first group in November on Anglesey where they were pre first moon and although we lifted 15 woodcock first day and 11 second day only 2 actually were shot but we made it up with duck mainly, with Pheasant and Snipe making up the bag. So generally it was a good 6 week woodcock period last week November - first week January were normal, with first early weeks in November being low on counts (unlike 2015 plenty in early). Then in January 2015-16 was excellent all the way and this year not just on Anglesey but countrywide a tailing of each week but we had great Snipe to make up and the evening flights were excellent with decent numbers of woodcock showing up 20-30 in the 10 minute window. WHO KNOWS ABOUT WOODCOCK TRULY, I guess thats why we love them so much. I hope we will see you this coming season ?we have had many re-bookings already and commitments.



# Woodcock Report and testimonials 2016-17

Some nice reports makes it all worth while

## 1st referral

Dear Bob,

Just a note to thank you, Dave, Steve, Gavin and Mark for all your efforts over the two days we spent with you. All the guns really enjoyed the two days which were quite varied, challenging and all in some stunning countryside. The flighting last night was particularly special as most of the guys were keen to start their journey and get off home. I organised a flight last season where we saw no birds and stood in a cold wet field for an hour. I had to persuade them to stick around last night and see the whole day through especially as it had been a bit quiet. Anyway as it was such a success and exceeded all of their expectations!

As I mentioned Bob we would love to come again next year and I too am starting to put together next season's calendar and we would love to come up to you again and perhaps do two days in November and two days in January (slightly earlier) or if anything comes available in December we could look at that instead of January. Ideally over a Friday and Saturday.

All the best Bob and thanks again for the two days. I shall let you know if and when the article gets into the Sporting Shooter and if you could forward me the photo you took at the end of the day that would be much appreciated.

All the best.

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## 2nd referral

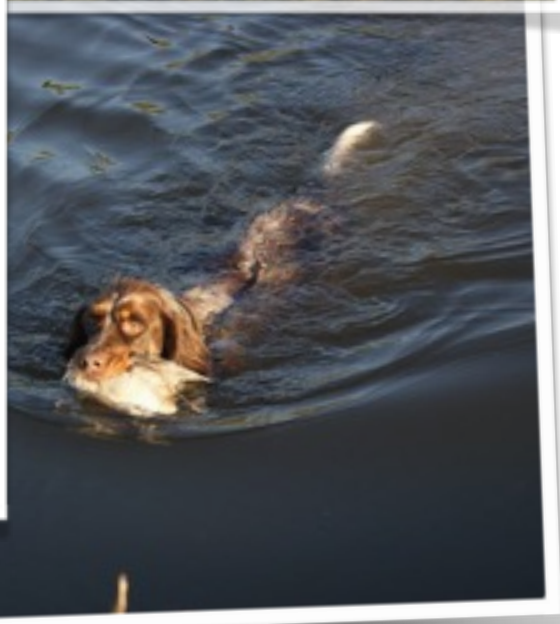
Hi Bob,  
Many thanks for the shoot the other day we where all very happy with you and steve,  
Could you please send me an INV for what I have paid so I can put it in through my Buisness,  
Also could you send me dates for January and what's available,  
Many thanks

Regards,  
David hodges

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Bob Glynn  
3 February 2017



As you can see we have varied ground for excellent mixed shooting although we are primarily interested in woodcock and snipe as our main focus, but at least you know your going to get some great wild bird shooting and we have pheasant and partridge on the grounds in good numbers supplementing the shoot in case the Woodcock move, as an example Snipe on the ground were good one week average another never poor and Woodcock were consistent all through late November,December, 1st week January then numbers dropped of and that was true in most of our UK areas accept the South East of England. If you want to book for this season do it sooner than later we have 4 dates gone already.

## **Woodcock Expectation 2017-18**

### **Anglesey**

It has been another warm season but the birds were there in good numbers we had huge teal numbers all season which boosted bags nicely and arguably they are the second fastest game bird to tackle. We have invested in new grounds for the 2017-18 season with 6 new farm blocks one opposite our current shoot which gives us a 400 acres wetland on the edge of the RSPB reserve and offers pheasant plenty of duck and geese, and the initial walk around I lifted a woodcock from a hedgerow, and a number of Snipe from the wetland grasses. but it offers a number of ponds teaming with duck species x 6 which we will feed for next season. The other blocks (6) which are agreed on the 4th February 17 are all fantastic woodcock block's with a small snipe bog lots of gorse and small woodlands and we have worked one of these twice in January each time moving 20 plus woodcock and as many pheasant and around 20 snipe and that was in mid -January so when the woodcock are in properly we should see 30 plus woodcock lifts on a day basis and many wildfowl opportunities, we will feed the ponds and drainage system on one running into the sea here to attract duck in (oodles of snipe on the edges - So our investment has increased type and topography of grounds but allowing longer rest gaps for current grounds we initially started of with all good news from our regular clients.

### **Corwen/Maerdy grounds on mainland North Wales.**

This proved very successful as a good back up in case woodcock numbers were not around but surprisingly through January we leased daily some nice gully grounds and open birch woods with a few snipe bogs and gorse banks and on the first morning we had Maleita's from Portugal with 3 friend's on the morning we moved around 20 woodcock and as many pheasant so a decent piece of woodcock ground in the portfolio and ideal as we can drive the birds easily with a few dogs. We have taken 3 new blocks here with a 4th under negotiation.

### **Wigtown/Isle-of-Whithorn/Stranraer/Newton Stewart Borders of West Scotland**

We had a few groups through in December and with good numbers of Woodcock on the ground the guns were generally a bit slow to the shoulder and where we should have seen large bags of birds we were coming in mosts days with 10 woodcock shot where 20 was a possible target lifts around 40-60 birds on most days and as many snipe the odd pheasant and duck around in certain areas added to the bag remember we are a minimum of 4 guns here for 2017 as anything lower has to be charged out at 4 guns. See photos from 2016-17 below.

Bob Glynn  
3 February 2017



Bocarra group (Wigtown) photos - temperatures were -6 in evenings and around -2 day time plenty of birds around they just needed to shoot better.

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