

# WOODCOCK NEWSLETTER

## 2017-18 SEASON END

Good numbers of birds all season | record bag | wild duck exceptional

Welcome to our end of season newsletter  
Despite all the war mongering that there is a shortage of woodcock we have never seen such density on all our hunts north of the border and in Angelsey and our North Wales blocks just at the end of January did it thin out so I am mindful of back limits and we are discussing this for next season and we will apply if e think necessary.  
Reasons for Woodcock shortage - my view.  
I get fed up reading about the shortage - lets get down to the reasons some areas see less birds its quite simply excessive ripping out of cover and draining of wetlands that are the root cause of the shortage on our shoot in Angelsey the farmer after he'd had his fee cut a lot of gorse back on our best woodcock spot and we did see a 29% dip in bird numbers on that specific shoot area then on a bank that had



### The oldest team we had in many years on Angelsey

We had a team of 6 guns that could shoot walk not very well but they new what they were about and it takes our life very easy. 2 days 32 woodcock picked lifts 68 in total snipe were not in big numbers that week but they accounted themselves well with high quality shooting the group was organised by John Pemberton from Lancashire.

### Mainland North Wales

We had obtained 3 new woodland blocks and for the new season 2 more blocks of around 400 acres this will give us another day of fine woodcock and pheasant shooting ..... we lifted averagely 23 birds and best day was 28 with us limiting kills to 6 birds each drive these were tough walking but nice





Comments by clients  
 'The Rough Rovers'  
 annual visit  
 Phillip Moorsom and his  
 team of guns arrived  
 5-6th January 2018  
 Dear Bob,

I have been meaning to get in touch to thank you and Steve for such an epic two days. A couple of the guns swore that if that was the last two days shooting they ever did they would die happy. I think it definitely made a difference the ground having a good rest. Ideally we would like to book in again next year and I



Above Top the rough rovers with a splendid 2 day mixed bag what we are good at with excellent wild duck and Geese if asked for at our discretion only. . The first woodcock even sweeter shot on the night flight for this gentlemen in Mid December  
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