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# WOODCOCK NEWS END OF SEASON 2019-20.

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Incredible wet and warm conditions all seas on except last 2 weeks of January



## A strange season all in all \

The Rain was non stop the water on the ground was staggering but we did OK Snipe were in short supply as were Woodcock from the 13th December it went very 'bitty' but we hit the daily target set in all but 2 cases.

Wild duck were everywhere and made our lives very difficult. But with 82% re-bookings for the coming season I could not complain, We have taken on 3 times the

What a fantastic photo

Taken at Cwn Pennant

During a hunt outing this woodcock survived.

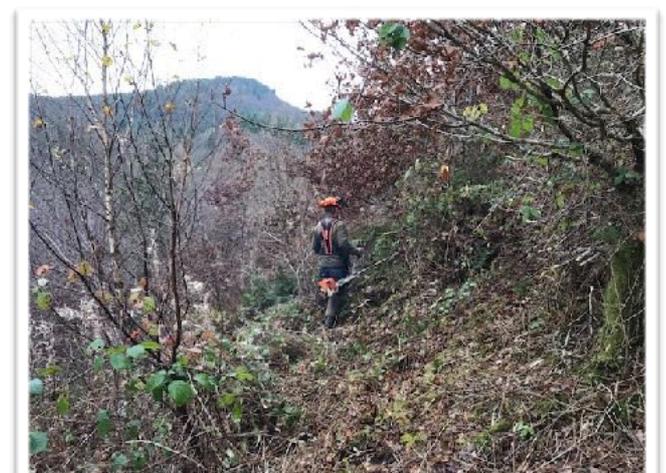
amount of ground for this and next season offering differing terrains and woodlands, no doubt we will have an extra two days in the bag by the start of next season - All I would say is if your looking to book do it sooner than later I expect we will be fully booked in Wales by end of march.

Note we are conducting work on the Llyn Peninsula woodlands to pep rides up giving greater access in the woods to beat out also this should encourage more woodcock to roost - more edges 'more woodcock'. This is at Boduan - we are taking more ground here as well so should have another 2 days back too back over mixed woodlands. On our mountain block at Cwm Pennant the lower slopes offering a full days shooting are being strimmed to allow shoot ways and accessible paths allowing greater access into and out of these areas . There is a third of the ground we have never shot which has huge gorse banks again we are strimming paths and cutting the area to give more edges. So a challenging costly spring and summer work programme. **And ill do a large portion myself. ( I know fiddle noises in the back ground ).**



*Nulla nunc lectus porttitor vitae pulvinar magna. Sed et lacus quis enim mattis nonummy sodales.*

***WE HAD SOME CLOSE SHAVES WHEN SHOOTING - PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR CO-GUNS AND APPLY ETIQUETTE WHEN IT COMES TO SHOOTING WOODCOCK PLEASE OR ANY GAME BIRDS.***



**Angelsey** - We are looking to add a woodland close to our current ground. You'll be advised by monthly news letter

**Wigtown** - had 2 groups only this season and had respectively 36 birds shot over 3 days 4 gains and 49 over 2 days with 8 guns.

Again don't leave it to late to book **I don't want deposit's until March end** as that's the new financial year. But I will accept bookings and send invoices out end of March.

Flighting - We are aware that this year we had less birds due probably too weather conditions - Warm and wet and a lot of woodcock just never left the `balkan's or Russia as it was milder to that end we will only flight as a last resort as we feel the large woodlands seed the shoot areas on a daily basis -if we shoot our stock at night we cannot expect them to be on the ground for daytime walked up shooting. We all need to have a hand in preserving the quality of our shooting. And True wild bird hunters will support our concerns for stocks of birds.

## **Photo Gallery.**



Beaters corner - Gary at Cwm Pennant on a lovely bright day - Little Molly retrieving a shot woodcock again at Cwm Pennant







We have so many photographs its difficult to put them all on so I hope im giving at least each group 1-2 each to get across the enjoyment of our hunting and the scenery you hunt in which is critical to the daily walking in woodlands, wetlands, and mountains. And we are hunters not shooters!!







I would like to thank all of you who have supported our operation and we look forward to your return in the future hopefully my knees (bionic stuff will survive a good few years yet. My life is Woodcock and the pleasure ~I derive from my clients enjoying there hunting days with us is of paramount and if we have a good day I feel Ive done my job, if the birds are not there In good numbers we strive to ensure a maximum lift policy in all our woodland and cover areas - just be patient if there not there and enjoy a good day out with like minded individuals and again. Thank you for choosing us for your hunt opportunities - Bob Glynn (Woodcock Bob).....

# THE FUTURE OF THE SHOOT AREA'S



**CLEAN-UP** - A final word, having taken on a substantial amount of top ground which we were only able shoot small sections of due to extensive briar and tight thin tree cover on these areas, we have instigated a clean up programme already underway - there are two objectives and with my and others knowledge we will have easier walk throughs for the beaters but in area's we had not chance of getting into - open rides and cleared circular areas where birds can land easily - 'strim' paths through the briar and have shoot areas easy to get into for the guns shooting as small blocks sections - overall we should see more woodcock on our grounds and easily add 4-5 days extra shooting on the current grounds.

**NEW LAND** - Intention to get another woodland on Angelsey 'under way' - increase acreage on Llyn Peninsula.- 'under way' Note hotel arrangements will be based on where the team will shoot minimising travel for us and the guns. On the mainland we are cleaning up one specific area which will improve again access for us and the birds.

**See you all soon in 2020/21**

