

## Individual Project Summary Report 2006/07

### 1. Project summary and information about the grant holder

<b>Project title</b>	Conservation of Threatened Birds		<b>AONB Proj. No:</b>	SDF/067/24
<b>Overall objectives of the project</b>	The AONB is the stronghold of many target species in the Shropshire Biodiversity Action Plan - particularly Curlew, Snipe, Dipper and Ring Ouzel. In addition, safeguarding the Lapwing population is a stated objective in the AONB Management Plan. The project aims to help safeguard the breeding populations of these threatened species.			
<b>Start date</b>	13/06/2006	<b>End date</b>	01/01/2007	
<b>SDF grant holder</b> <i>(your organisation)</i>	Leo Smith			
<b>Contact details</b> <i>(your name, address, telephone and email)</i>	Leo Smith, c/o Cath Landles, Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership. Tel (01588) 674084. Email: cath.landles@shropshire-cc.gov.uk			

### 2. Funding information

<b>SDF funding received this year</b>	£ 10,674	<b>SDF funding received last year</b> <i>(if any)</i>	£ 0
<b>Total cost of the project this year</b>	£ 36,630.30	<b>Any special funding arrangements</b> <i>(such as staged payments or financial conditions required by funders)</i>	Increased number of interim claims to four to help cash flow
<b>Sources of other funding</b> <i>(funding body or volunteer activity)</i>	<b>Value of other funding where contributed in cash</b>	<b>Estimate of value (£ equivalent) where contributed in kind</b>	
Volunteer time	£ 0	£ 18,292.56	
National Trust	£3,600.88	£ 0	
Natural England	£1,750.00	£ 0	
Shropshire Wildlife Trust	£200.80	£ 0	
Shropshire Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	£1,500	£ 0	
Upper Onny Wildlife Group	£612.06		

### 3. Achievements of the project

<b>What were the specific objectives that you set for the project in the grant application form?</b>	<b>How well were the objectives met?</b>	<b>What issues affected the achievement of the objectives?</b>
Manufacture & installation of 94 nest boxes	144 installed, 4 more made	
Production of the following reports: Upper Onny Wildlife Group Annual Report & Survey Results 2006; Results of Lapwing & Curlew Survey in Clun ESA 2006; Scarce Upland Breeding Birds on the Long Mynd 2006	Upper Onny and Clun ESA reports completed and distributed (early February).  Draft being prepared for Long Mynd report (see note).	The National Trust redirected the Project's efforts on the Long Mynd to the Ground Nesting Birds Recovery Project, and indicated that a report on the 2006 Survey was no longer required. However, a Report will be produced before the start of the 2007 Survey in May, so that the gaps in knowledge are identified and remedied.
Newsletters to all farmers in the Upper Onny area and Clun ESA	Upper Onny completed and distributed in early October. Clun ESA completed and distributed in late February.	

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Public meeting for farmers and local people to consider results of 3 years survey work in Upper Onny area	Completed 16 October	
Support 2 existing local community wildlife organisations (Upper Onny Wildlife Group and Shropshire Barn Owl Group).	Both groups supported	
Start one new local community wildlife group covering the Upper Clun river catchment	Steering Group established, and arranged extensive publicity in area for Inaugural Meeting on 1 March 2007	
Provide training for 30 local people	Total of 80 people trained	
Construction of five scrapes to improve Lapwing habitat on farmland	Constructed 3 on Lodge Farm (completed 18 December) and 2 on Eyton Farm (completed late March)	
Upland Bird Recovery Project on the Long Mynd launched	Report submitted to National Trust in Feb., Project approved by Regional Management Committee 22 March, & now underway	
Lapwing Survey in Ludlow/Craven Arms/Corvedale area initiated	Training attended by 22 surveyors on 24 March 2007. Survey started 25 March.	
Dipper survey completed	Completed, results and report received	
Snipe survey at Rhos Fiddle completed	Completed, results received	

#### 4. Lessons learned

<b>What were the key lessons you learned during the project?</b>	
<b>What would you do differently next time?</b>	The Project will build on this work in 2007 – 08.
<b>Do you have any further comments?</b>	The work of the Project, particularly the declines of Lapwing and Curlew in the Upper Onny Area and the Clun ESA, and of ground-nesting birds on the Long Mynd, was presented to the AONB Partnership meeting in Craven Arms on 7th March 2007. The Chairman stated that this Project was an excellent example of good work carried out using SDF Funding.