



Support our work

Grouse shooting is the lynchpin that holds the conservation of heather moorlands together. Without this passion, drive and purpose, the investment in managing, enhancing and regenerating heather moorland would disappear. Without grouse shooting threatened ground nesting birds, priority habitats, rural upland economies and social cohesion would all suffer. As a visiting gun to the grouse moors of northern England and Wales you already play a vital part in this success story, but your hobby and passion is under extreme threat.

Grouse shooting was targeted in political pledges and manifestos in the run up to last year's election and although the MA is in very good shape to deal with the tremendous workload, it needs your financial support.

- The current e petition to ban driven grouse shooting has gone through the 100,000 vote barrier. This may now mean a parliamentary debate later this year.
- The RSPB is lobbying for the licensing of grouse shooting
- Restaurants and retailers are being bullied to withdraw grouse from their menus and shelves
- All wildlife law is under review and littered with pitfalls
- Predator control is threatened with reviews of snaring and the use of spring traps
- Those against the use of lead ammunition are targeting shot grouse
- Burning to manage vegetation is key but poorly understood in Europe and faces a ban

Much strategically-led hard work is going on for each and every one of these and other threats, but if we are to proactively tackle these challenges in the best way possible we need further funds.

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Thank you,

Robert Benson, Chairman

