

**The Leicestershire
Wildfowlers' Association**
Founded 1957

Supporting wildfowling for 60 years



Constitution & Rules

(revised 2016)

SHOOTING SEASONS
England, Wales and Scotland

(All dates inclusive)

PHEASANT	- October 1 st to February 1 st
PARTRIDGE	- September 1 st to February 1 st
GROUSE	- August 12 th to December 10 th
BLACKGAME	- August 20 th to December 10 th
PTARMIGAN	- August 12 th to December 10 th
(Ptarmigan found only in Scotland)	
CAPERCAILLIE	- Protected at all times.
COMMON SNIPE	- August 12 th to January 31 st
JACK SNIPE	- Protected at all times
WOODCOCK	- October 1 st to January 31 st
(in England and Wales)	
WOODCOCK	- September 1 st to January 31 st
(in Scotland)	
HARE	- Moorland and unenclosed land subject to close season; elsewhere no close season.
Cannot be sold March 1 st to July 31 st	
WOODPIGEON	- No close season (may be shot to protect crops or wildlife).
RABBITS	- No close season
DUCKS AND GEESE	- September 1 st to January 31 st
DUCKS AND GEESE	- September 1 st to February 20 th
(below HWM of ordinary spring tides)	

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The Leicestershire Wildfowlers' Association Constitution and Rules

1. The name of the Association (hereinafter called "the Association" is "The Leicestershire Wildfowlers' Association".
2. The objects of the Association are:-
 - (a) To uphold and protect Wildfowlers and Wildfowling, Game, Woodpigeon and Vermin Shooting and to promote the sport of shooting generally;
 - (b) To provide sporting, educational and social facilities for all members;
 - (c) To promote and hold meetings, competitions and matches for clay pigeon shooting and other similar pastimes and to offer, give, or contribute towards prizes and to promote, give or support dinners or other entertainments;
 - (d) To give such financial and other assistance to members and others in support of shooting, including Wildfowlers and Wildfowling as the Council may think desirable;
 - (e) To arrange for such insurance of whatever nature as the Council may think desirable;
 - (f) To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Association on such terms as the Council may think fit;
 - (g) To invest the monies of the Association not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or purpose as the Council may think fit;
 - (h) To further all movements whether existing or proposed which may interest or affect favourably Wildfowlers and Shooters;
 - (i) To suppress poachers and to take all steps whether financial or otherwise for this purpose and as may be thought desirable by the Council;
 - (j) To foster amongst its members and others, an interest in matters relating to ornithology, particularly so far as Wildfowl and Game Birds are concerned;
 - (k) By means of a Junior Section, to encourage and educate interested young persons aged 18 or less in accordance with the objectives of the Association, in both theory and practice so far as the law may permit;
 - (l) To assist the legal protection and preservation of Game Birds, Wildfowl and other wild birds and to organise the rearing and ringing of Wildfowl; further to obtain develop and manage such conservation areas and/or refuges as the Council may think proper;
 - (m) To prepare and maintain pictorial and other records of and for the Association;
 - (n) Generally to uphold and maintain the interests of its members and in such manner as the Association in General Meetings or the Council from time to time decide;
 - (o) To do such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

MEMBERSHIP

The full members of the Association shall be persons over eighteen years of age and in agreement with the objects of the Association and every reference hereinafter contained to a "member" shall mean such a full member and shall include Honorary Members, Honorary Life Members and Student Members but not Junior Members.

- 4.(a) Every candidate for membership of the Association shall either be proposed by a member of the Association to whom the Candidate shall be personally known or shall be proposed by such member as the Council shall approve after the provision of such references as to the eligibility as the Council may require:
- (b) Any Candidate may be required to provide references as to eligibility by the Council. The application for membership of every Candidate shall be made in writing signed by the Candidate and by his or her proposer and shall be such form as the Council shall from time to time prescribe;
 - (c) The Proposer shall submit to the Membership Secretary a letter in support of his proposal;
 - (d) Details of eligible candidates and their proposer's shall be published in the following issue of the Association's Bulletin and in the absence of any objection from the Council or existing members within 28 days and subject to vacancies, the Candidate shall be deemed to be elected.

- 5. In the event of any objection being received, the application by the Candidate shall be held in abeyance until a decision is reached by the Council.
- 6. The Council shall have the power to elect as members upon such terms (including the payment of entrance fees and subscriptions) and subject to such regulations as the Council may, from time to time deem advisable, persons who shall not be required to pay any subscription or other payment (hereinafter referred to as "Honorary Members").
- 7. The entrance fees and subscriptions payable by members of the Association shall be such as the Council shall from time to time prescribe provided that sufficient shall be sent to the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (B.A.S.C.) to provide each member with full (Club) membership of that Association (other than Honorary Members when no fee or subscription shall be charged) provided that a member shall be a life member of that Association, the annual subscription of such member may be reduced by the amount which would otherwise be sent to that Association.

8. When a candidate has been elected the Hon. Secretary of the Association shall forthwith inform him or her of his or her election and upon payment of his/her entrance fee (if any) and subscription (if any) the elected Candidate shall become a member of the Association. Provided nevertheless that if such a payment is not made within two months after the date of his/her election, the Council may, in its discretion, cancel such election. All new members will be subject to a satisfactory twelve month probationary period.
9. (a) The Council may admit to a Junior Section such young persons aged eighteen years or less and under such terms as it may from time to time decide. Such Junior Members will not have any voting or other rights at General Meetings. The attention of such Junior Members and those in charge of them is drawn to all current legislation which affects the use of arms and ammunition by young persons.
(b) Junior Members under Rule 9 (a) will be Junior Club Members of BASC- this will be extended to LWA Members aged 18 plus up to 21. LWA Members aged 18 plus to 21 will enjoy full membership rights, but pay the reduced BASC Junior contribution as amended from time to time.
10. Subject as hereinafter provided, every member shall be entitled to be elected as an officer or member of the Council and to attend and vote at any General Meeting of the Association.
11. The Council shall have power to permit any person to use and enjoy gratuitously or otherwise in common with the members of the Association all the facilities and engagements of the Association on conditions as the Council may from time to time determine.
12. Any member whose annual subscription is unpaid by the first monthly meeting after its due date or after such other date as the Council shall determine shall cease ipso facto to be a member of the Association and shall forfeit all right in claim upon the Association and its property but may be reinstated at the discretion of the Council on payment of all arrears.
13. Membership shall be on an automatic annual basis whereby all members will automatically be invited to rejoin and need not re-apply. However, if any member shall wilfully refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of the constitution and rules or shall be guilty of any conduct unworthy of a sportsman or against the best interests of the Association, the Council may refuse to accept his renewal and their membership would cease. The decision of the Council shall be final.

GENERAL MEETINGS

14. The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting in every calendar year at such time and place as may be determined by the Council and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling for it; provided that every Annual General Meeting shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting.
15. The Council may whenever it thinks fit and shall on the application in writing to the Hon. Secretary by any twenty members convene a Special General Meeting.
16. At least twenty one clear days notice in writing of any Annual General Meeting and of every Special General Meeting specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting, and in the case of special business, the general nature of that business shall be given in a manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons as are entitled to receive such notices from the Association; but with the consent of the Council in the case of meetings other than Annual General Meetings a meeting may be convened by such notice as the Council may think fit. With the notice convening the Annual General Meeting a list shall be sent to each member showing the names of the present members of Council and indicating the retiring members of the Council and the number of Council meetings attended by all members of the Council and the number of Council meetings held since the previous Annual General Meeting.

17. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof, shall not invalidate any resolution passed, or proceeding held at any meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

18. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at a Special General Meeting and all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall also be deemed special with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, the report of the Chairman, the appointment of Auditors and Officers and the election of members of the Council in place of those retiring.
19. Any three members may require special business to be raised at an Annual General Meeting by sending to the Hon. Secretary at least 14 clear days before the Annual General Meeting a notice in writing specifying such special business and requiring the general nature of the same to be included in the notice of meeting.
20. Twenty members personally present shall constitute a quorum.
21. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be dissolved and it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place or at such other place and time as the Council may determine, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour

from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

22. At the Association's Annual General Meeting, the Chair shall be taken by the President of the Association or failing him by a Vice-President. If no such person shall be present and consent to take the chair then the Chairman of the Council or failing him the Vice-Chairman shall do so. The Chairman of the Council and failing him the Vice-Chairman of the Council shall preside at every other General Meeting. If no such person or officer be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the said meetings, and willing to preside, the members present shall choose some member of Council or if no such member be present, or if all the members of the Council present decline to take the chair, they shall choose some member of the Association who shall be present to preside.
23. The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, the members shall not be entitled to any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
24. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands and a declaration

by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the Minute book of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of the votes recorded in favour or against that resolution. There is no provision for voting by post or proxy.

25. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

26. Every member shall have one vote.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

27. (a) At every third Annual General Meeting, the President and Vice-Presidents shall retire from office. At the invitation of the Council they shall be eligible for re-election at the same time or any other General Meeting of the Association and any such election shall take place in accordance with the provisions of Rule 32 provided that any candidate for election for President or Vice-President need not be a member of the Association;

- (b) The Council may, if it thinks fit, appoint any person to the office of Vice-President and appoint any person to fill any vacancy arising in the office of President at any time between triennial elections and any person so appointed shall hold office until the next following triennial election and shall then retire but shall be eligible as a candidate for election to such office.

COUNCIL

28. The Council shall consist of the officers hereinafter mentioned: the immediate past Chairman (if he consents) and not less than five nor more than fifteen members hereinafter provided.

29. (a) The officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, all of whom shall be members of the Association;
- (b) Each other Council member will be required to represent and look after one of the following Sections (hereinafter called "the Sections") of the Association and shall be elected for that purpose:-
- (i) Membership Secretary
 - (ii) Wildfowling and Fishing
 - (iii) Conservation & Priory Water Management
 - (iv) Woodpigeon Shooting
 - (v) Rabbit Control (Ferreting)
 - (vi) Gundogs
 - (vii) Show Committee
 - (viii) Bulletin Editor
 - (ix) Newsletter Editor
 - (x) Juniors
 - (xi) Public Relations Officer

The Council shall have the power to designate additional sections or duties, lapse existing ones or amalgamate two or more or split and/or rearrange them as circumstances shall in their discretion require subject always to the provision of Rule 28.

30. No member of the Council or officer of the Association shall receive any remuneration for his services in the capacity of member of the Council or officer of the Association but nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prohibit the payment by the Association for clerical or other assistance or for expenses incurred with the sanction of the Council in carrying out the business of the Association.
31. At every Annual General Meeting of the Association one third of the members of the Council, including the Officers shall retire from office. They shall be eligible for re-election at the same or any other General Meeting of the Association. In the case of equal seniority the order of retirement shall be determined by lot.
32. The election of officers and other members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:-
- (a) Vacancies on the Council together with (if appropriate) details of the relevant section that the successful Candidate will represent will be advertised with the formal notice of the AGM. Any two members of the Association shall be at liberty to nominate in writing any other member who shall have consented thereto to serve as an officer or other member of the Council in respect of the published vacancy. Nominators and

seconders are particularly encouraged from and in respect of the special interest groups concerned (where appropriate) provided nevertheless that the nominated Chairman and nominated Vice-Chairman shall be members of the existing Council (for in the first instance after the adoption of these rules of the previous main committee);

- (b) The name of each member so nominated shall be received by the Secretary at least 14 days immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting;
 - (c) Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the Candidates for each post in alphabetical order and each member present at the Annual General Meeting and entitled to vote shall be entitled to vote for any number of such Candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies. There is no provision for voting by post or proxy.
 - (d) In case there shall not be a sufficient number of Candidates nominated, the members of the Council may (if they so desire) fill up the remaining vacancy or vacancies;
 - (e) If two or more Candidates obtain an equal number of votes, another ballot shall, if necessary, be taken in respect of such Candidates. If two or more Candidates again obtain an equal number of votes, the members of the Council shall elect by lot from such Candidates the Candidate or Candidates who is or are to be elected.
33. Any vacancies arising between Annual General Meetings among the officers or other members of the Council may be filled by the Council. Any officer or member of the Council so appointed shall retire at the next following Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible as a candidate for election as an

officer or other member of the Council at such Annual General Meeting.

POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

- 34. (a) The business of the Association shall be managed by the Council which may exercise all such powers of the Association and do so on behalf of the Association all such acts as may be exercised and done by the Association in General Meeting, but no regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.
 - (b) The Officers shall have the power to create and lapse a Finance and General Purposes Committee ("the F & GP") whose members shall comprise the officers of the Association and such other persons having specialised knowledge and experience as the Officers may from time to time consider necessary. The F & GP will meet as it deems necessary to consider solely matters of major and/or urgent importance. They will produce minutes to the next Council meeting and their decisions will be the subject to ratification by Council.
35. The members for the time being of the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body.
36. The Council shall have power from time to time to make, alter, or repeal bye-laws for the proper conduct and management of the Association and in particular, but not exclusively, it may by such bye-laws regulate:-

- (a) The form of application for membership;
- (b) The admission of Honorary Members of the Association and the rights and privileges of such members;
- (c) The terms and conditions upon which guests or visitors shall be permitted to attend meetings and use the property of the Association;
- (d) The entrance fees and subscriptions payable by members or the suspension of such payments;
- (e) The rules as to safety and good conduct to be observed by members;
- (f) The prohibition of particular sports and the method or means of conducting the same;
- (g) The procedure at meetings of Council;
- (h) The employment of such persons as they deem necessary and on such terms as they deem appropriate to assist them in the performance of their duties and the promotion of the aims of the Association; and generally all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of Association bye-laws. The Council shall adopt such means as it deems sufficient to bring to the notice of members of the Association all such bye-laws, alterations or repeals, and all such bye-laws so long as they shall be in force, and shall be binding on all members of the Association; provided nevertheless that no bye-law shall be inconsistent with objects of the Association and any bye-law may be set aside at a General Meeting of the Association.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- 37. The office of a member of the council shall be vacated:-

- (a) If he (she) ceases to be a member of the Association, or
- (b) If by notice to the Chairman or the Hon. Secretary of the Association he (she) resigns his (her) office.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

- 38. The Council may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit and determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of the business. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise provided. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 39. The Council shall normally meet twice per annum of which one such meeting shall be prior to the AGM. Provided that the Hon. Secretary shall at the request of the Chairman or any four members of the Council at any time summon additional meetings of Council to transact only specific and urgent or important business as stated in the notice convening the meeting served upon the members of the Council. A member of the Council who is absent from the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to receive notice of a meeting.
- 40. The Chairman and failing him, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside as Chairman at every meeting of the Council, but if no such officer shall be present after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting and will

- to preside, the members of the Council present shall choose any one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
41. The Council may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Association as Council think fit, and any committee, so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Council. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of these Rules for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Council so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any regulations made by the Council. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Council shall be ex-officio members of any committee or sub-committee thereof.
42. All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Council or any committee of the Council or by any person acting as a member and with the authority of the Council or a committee notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such member or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, shall be as valid as if every person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a member of the Council.
43. (a) Any Council member heading a committee who is unable to attend a meeting of Council shall appoint a deputy (normally his Vice Chairman) or failing him a member of his committee) to attend in his place. Such deputy shall only have a right to vote on those issues that affect the interest of the Section that he represents. The names of such deputies shall be advised to the Hon. Secretary not less than seven days prior to the Council meeting.
- (b) In the event of any member of the Council failing to attend at least one third to the nearest whole number of meetings of the Council during twelve consecutive months, the Council shall have the power to declare the seat of such member vacant and the provisions of Clause 33 shall then apply.
44. The Council shall cause proper Minutes to be made of all appointments of officers made by the Council and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and of the Council and of committees and sub-committees and all business transacted at such meetings, and any such Minutes of any meeting if purported to be signed by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated. Copies of the Minutes of committees and sub-committees shall be sent to each Council member within 28 days of the meeting concerned.
45. A resolution in writing signed by all members for the time being of the Council or any committee or sub-committee who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Council or of such committee or sub-committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council or of such committee or sub-committee duly convened and constituted.

MANAGEMENT OF SECTIONS

46. Each member of Council having specific responsibility for a Section may create or lapse such committees or sub-committees as he considers necessary to assist in the discharge of his duties. He shall be chairman and the officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the same. The size and composition of such bodies are to rest entirely with the member concerned. Names thereof shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary. Council shall, in its absolute discretion have the power to veto any appointment and all such bodies shall keep and produce minutes and send copies to every other member of Council. Such Council Members will be responsible for the day to day running of their Sections and the longer term implementation of such actions, projects and/or expenditures as the Council has authorised. All such operations shall be conducted in accordance with the aims and current policies of the Association. Council may, from time to time, call for such progress reports as it considers necessary and will require such Council Members to justify their actions and those of their committees and sub-committees as appropriate.
47. The Chairman of the Association whether in post or acting and whether present at such committee or sub-committee meeting or not shall have the power of veto over any Section action, activity or expenditure which he considers inappropriate. In the event of any unresolved objection to the use of such veto, the matter shall be put to the vote at the next following meeting of the Council.
- 48.(a) Each Council member representing a Section shall cause to be prepared by April 1st each year a budget proposal for the ensuing financial year and submit the same by that date to the Hon. Treasurer and in the event that the estimates are in excess of the Association's currently available funds for the year, the Hon. Treasurer will request the F & GP to revise some or all of the proposals downwards. Their revision will be submitted to the Council for its approval. In the event that the F & GP no longer exists, the requests shall be submitted direct to Council. Once Council has given its approval, the budget will remain in force for the remainder of the relevant financial year or until changed by Council. A Section's expenditure shall not exceed its budget. Committees have no authority to spend or contract to spend outside their agreed budget (apart from petty cash). All payments will be made by the Hon. Treasurer.
- (b) The Hon. Treasurer shall have the sole delegated authority to administer the agreed financial plan and to make appropriate payments on behalf of Council, Committees and Sub-committees within the foregoing agreed limits. When and if these are reached, he may impose an appropriate "cut-off". The Hon Treasurer's decisions may only be overridden by a meeting of Council.

ACCOUNTS

49. The Council shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to:-
- (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place including where appropriate, details of the Committee concerned;
 - (b) All sales and purchases of goods by the Association;
 - (c) The assets and liabilities of the Association;
- Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of accounts as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and to explain its transactions.
50. The books of account shall be kept at such a place or places as the Council shall think fit and shall always be open to the inspection of members of the Council.
51. At the Annual General Meeting in every year, the Council shall lay before the Association a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account made up to the thirty first day of December preceding such a meeting, together with a proper balance sheet made up as the same date. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Council and the auditors and copies of such account, balance sheet and reports shall not less than fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting be sent to all persons entitled to receive notice of Annual General Meetings in the manner in which such notices are hereinafter directed to be served.

52. The Bankers of the Association shall be such as shall be appointed by the Council from time to time and cheques shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary of the Association for the time being.

AUDIT

53. Once at least in every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors.

NOTICES

54. A notice shall be served by the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to such member at his registered address as appearing in the register of members.

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

55. Neither this constitution nor these rules nor any of them shall be repealed or amended nor shall any addition be made thereto save by a two-thirds majority of members voting in person at the General Meeting

on a resolution put to the meeting by Council following a vote in favour of putting the resolution carried by a two-thirds majority of members of Council members.

DISSOLUTION

56. If upon the winding up and dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, it shall be disposed of in such manner as shall be determined by the members of the Association at their entire discretion.

BYE-LAWS

In connection with the power vested in them by the then Rule 36, the Committee approved the following Bye-laws at its meetings on January 21st 1960 and March 25th 1968 and such Bye-laws (as now amended) are now binding upon all members.

1. Members shall at all times comply with the Law relating to the use, possession, custody, purchase, and sale of firearms, shotguns and air weapons and ammunition therefore. They shall possess current shotgun and firearms certificates as appropriate.
2. Members shall not shoot or shoot at ducks or geese or other wildfowl with rifles.

3. Members shall not use rifles (Section 1 Firearms) at shoots organised by the Association except with the prior and specific sanction of the Council, provided nevertheless that it shall be in order for the limited use of rifles for organised crow, rook and squirrel shooting unless the Council rules otherwise, always being subject to the approval of the appropriate Chief Officer of Police.
4. Members shall at all times comply with all legislation relating to the sport of shooting.
5. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times as true sportsmen and to observe the etiquette of the shooting field and to do everything in their power to enhance the reputation of the Association, Wildfowlers and Shooters.



Bird Pest Species

England, Wales and Scotland

The following may be killed or taken by authorized persons at any time under annual or open and general licences:

Canada goose (England only); Jackdaw; Magpie; Rook; Carrion Crow; Woodpigeon (crop protection); Feral Pigeon (crop protection); Collared Dove; Jay. Members should ascertain for themselves under what circumstances a particular species may be shot.

Mammals recognised as pests

England, Wales & Scotland

The following mammals may be controlled by legally approved methods all year round:

Fox; Brown Rat; Mice (except Dormice); Rabbit; Grey Squirrel; Mink; Weasel; Stoat and Feral Cat.

Lead shot regulations:

Restrictions on the use of lead shot:

In England and Wales. Lead shot banned over all foreshore; over specified SSSI's and for the shooting of all ducks, geese, coot and moorhen wherever they occur. Following review, common snipe and golden plover are removed except on the foreshore and listed SSSI's.

In Scotland. Use of lead shot banned over most wetlands (coastal and inland). Also applies to some clay shoots.

In Northern Ireland. No proposed restriction so far.

SHOOTING SEASONS (Continued from page 1)

COOT & MOORHEN - September 1st to January 31st

GOLDEN PLOVER - September 1st to January 31st

CURLEW - Protected at all times

WILDFOWL that may be shot during the season are as follows:-

GEESE: Canada, Greylag, Pink-footed and White-fronted (in England, and Wales only but in Wales Greenland White-fronted subject to voluntary moratorium by BASC affiliated clubs).

DUCK: Gadwall, Goldeneye, Pintail, Pochard, Teal, Shoveler, Wigeon, Tufted and Mallard.

(Different seasons may apply in Northern Ireland and The Isle of Man and the quarry list may be updated from time to time in England, Scotland and Wales).

****THE ONUS IS ON THE PERSON SHOOTING TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH CURRENT RELEVANT LEGISLATION****

Sunday and Christmas Day Shooting

England and Wales: No game (including hares) may be shot in any county on any Sunday or on Christmas Day.

No wildfowl may be shot on Sunday in: Anglesey, Brecknock, Caernarvon, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Cornwall, Denbigh, Devon, Doncaster, Glamorgan, Great Yarmouth County Borough, Isle of Ely, Lees County Borough, Merioneth, Norfolk, Pembroke, Somerset, North and West Ridings of Yorkshire.

Scotland: There are no statutory restrictions on the killing of game on Sunday or on Christmas Day although it is not customary to do so. Wildfowl may not be shot on any Sunday or on Christmas Day.

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