



Natural Environment Group (NEG) Project Bidding Pro Forma

Please complete all sections and read the eligibility criteria and timescale at http://www.solentems.org.uk/natural_environment_group/NEG_Projects/.

Project Title:	Equipment to capture Common Snipe and Jack Snipe at Lymington & Keyhaven
Project Sponsor/Lead (and full contact details):	HCC Countryside Service, Andy Davidson, Nature Recovery Officer andrew.davidson@hants.gov.uk
Full Address that any Purchase Order should be made out to	Via email andrew.davidson@hants.gov.uk HCC Countryside Service, Castle Avenue, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UL
Project Description and Objectives:	<p>It is recognised that cryptic species, such as Common and Jack Snipe, are under-represented in the annual Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) methodology. National estimates for wintering Jack Snipe in particular are known to be very inaccurate.</p> <p><i>“The current UK wintering population estimate for jack snipe is one of the most unreliable of bird population estimate figures, and is essentially a best guess based on minimal data: one individual is assumed present per km² over 110,000km² (Musgrove, et al., 2013).”</i></p> <p>HCC works extensively with local BTO trained ringers and ringing groups. Such ringers are volunteers, and the majority of their equipment is self-funded.</p> <p>Marcus Ward is keen to start a project monitoring and ringing Common and Jack Snipe at Lymington & Keyhaven. They have purchased their own thermal imager but need to buy a suitable net and light to “lamp” and capture the birds at night.</p>
What is the value of the project to the Solent European Marine Sites (SEMS), other designated sites or areas of conservation interest?	They are interested to not only look at numbers using the site but also explore site fidelity by establishing a repeatable survey

	<p>monitoring and catching birds in fixed areas, developing a methodology possibly by way of a transect route.</p> <p>A better understanding of the pattern of use of these birds will enable a better understanding important areas of the site and assist with site management.</p>
Project Outputs:	<p>Purchase of equipment to enable the monitoring and ringing of these cryptic species.</p> <p>Engagement and training of volunteers supporting the monitoring of HCC coastal sites.</p> <p>Improved counting of under-recorded wintering wader species on Solent coastal SSSI and SPA sites.</p> <p>Improved understanding of distribution and habitat use on Solent coastal sites by Common Snipe and Jack Snipe.</p> <p>Development of the methodology for recording the species.</p>
Project Timescale and Milestones:	Purchase of equipment April 2022 for use wintering birds.
Overall Project Cost (£): <i>Please detail other funding sources secured/sought.</i>	£194 for the purchase of hand net, net handle, and lamping torch.
Funding contribution sought from NEG (£): <i>The amount requested should be match funded.</i>	£194 for the purchase of hand net, net handle, and lamping torch.
Will the project still go ahead without NEG funding?	Rings used and other equipment is purchased by the ringer. It is anticipated that the ringer and associates will be carrying out one session per week over the core recording period (October to April), approx. 100 volunteer hours per year.
Geographical coverage of the project: <i>The project must cover some aspect of the coastal or marine environment of the Solent.</i>	Lymington/Keyhaven
Please list any project partners:	Marcus Ward - independent BTO ringer
Additional information to support the Bid:	

Submission date: 11th March 2022

Please email completed forms to solentforum@hants.gov.uk by the last day of February. **Important: If you do not get a receipt for your application please phone the office.**