

Low Ground Case Study

Deer management
within the Scottish
Central Belt.

1980 – 2011

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Deer levels begin to rise(1990)

□ Suggested causes

□ Estates break up (1970`s)

- Muldron - Murdostoun - Dalziel
- End of deer drives

□ Land ownership fragments

- No collaboration
- Deer management non existent in some areas

Opportunities

- Such as
- **Raising of standards**
- British Deer Society encourage education
WSSC etc.



Collaboration

- Advantages
- Shared resources



WANE Bill Proposals

❑ Offer

❑ Voluntary Deer managers

- Valid opportunity to participate in legislative change

❑ Organisation of the Voluntary sector

- By Promoting Best Practise Education and collaboration

❑ Initiative to Form Local DMG`s

- West Lothian Deer Management Group
South Lanarkshire Deer Group
North Lanarkshire Dmg

❑ Cost effective Deer management options

- For Landowners/managers and the forestry Industry.

Next Step

Support the formation of the Lowland Deer Network

- ❑ **Expectations**

- ❑ To promote collaboration at all levels across the Scottish lowlands
- ❑ To provide representation for everyone at an appropriate level
- ❑ To encourage data collection and the sharing of information.
- ❑ To sustainably manage the deer resource that has grown among us, for the benefit of deer, people

Any Questions ?

