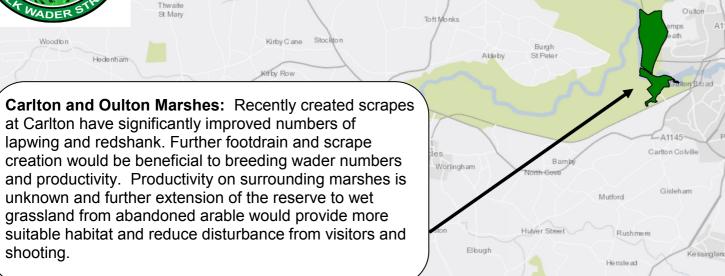
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Suffolk Wader Strategy



Waterbirds in the UK have been declining for some time and lapwing and redshank continue to fall in numbers nationally with 50% and 59% declines since 1975 respectively. Despite this, Suffolk remains home to three important populations of waders; lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*), redshank (*Tringa tetanus*) and avocet (*Recurvirostra avosetta*). The Suffolk Wader Strategy is a partnership of organisations, which have come together to arrest and reverse the decline in wader populations in Suffolk. With a focus on the coastal area, we influence land management both on nature reserves and more widely across the countryside to maximise their potential for these species.

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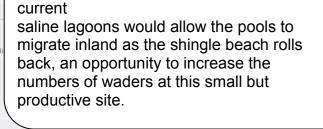
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Tinkers Marsh: Building on the recent island and scrape creation, reprofiling of the river wall to increase resilience to regular and frequent saline inundation, would encourage the shift to a more regularly brackish system. Gentle edging on the dykes and landform manipulation will create more nesting opportunities.

Minsmere: The scrape supports significant numbers of breeding avocet and lapwing. Further work to island profiles and sluices will improve the control of water levels and help to develop more feeding areas for these species. Areas of wet grassland would benefit from the creation of additional pools and foot drains, with periods of drying out, helping lapwing and redshank numbers.

Legend:
Suffolk Wader Strategy
Priority Reserves



Dingle and Corporation Marshes: Scrape

creation in the area immediately behind the











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