

What you can expect from us

Email us on: admin@conservation.scot

When we receive your email:

1. We will call you to arrange a short meeting with a Deer Manager at a convenient time to understand your objectives.

We offer a simple one page agreement authorising us to proceed.

2. We produce a deer management plan to deliver your objectives, usually starting with a free survey to determine numbers and type of deer, their pattern and health.

3. Once you accept the plan, we execute it.

4. We provide regular updates on progress by email to prove your responsibilities as a landowner are met.

5. You can call us to change your plan at any time.

We generate income for you from grants, accompanied stalks and game dealers. You will receive half of the gross income after deducting the actual cost: we provide an annual account. At no time do you incur any cost.

Additionally, your objectives are met, whether they be reduced crop damage, deer removal, or improved herd health.

Professional survey

When we meet with you we will ask you to confirm land boundaries, access and any hazards. We will then do a deer survey.

We use high resolution thermal imaging to determine the number of deer in an area: this technology allows us to see deer hidden by undergrowth and foliage. The resolution is sufficient to determine their species, sex and approximate age.

We use trail cameras at key locations to understand their movement patterns and health.

Again, all visits to your land are advised in advance, including the visitor's name. Anyone visiting you carries a photo ID we issue that anyone can request at any time.

The survey produces a deer management report, that provides proof you are managing your responsibilities professionally.

The report is at zero cost to you: we need to do the study and report in order to deliver our responsibilities to you. The report is evidence that you are managing your environment responsibly.

We manage deer on land used by the public, safely and without conflicts.

Practical and financial help for landowners to improve the environment: deer

In most cases we can provide you with an income by managing your environmental responsibilities for deer.

This income is from grants, stalking and game dealers within the objectives you set, or simply by reducing crop damage.

All it takes is one email from you to start the process. We then meet with you to understand your objectives and provide a package delivering that.

Your objectives may be to:

1. Improve deer health by maintaining the optimum population of healthy animals, or
2. Reduce numbers to limit damage to crops, or
3. Remove deer from forestry, or
4. Maximise financial income, e.g. from accompanied stalks & grants
5. Tackle rural crime, with trail cams and patrols.

In some cases we can control other pests at the same time, particularly grey squirrels and rabbits, if you require this.

Landowners' responsibilities

We really love deer: they are a beautiful and noble animal, a delight to see.

As natural predators have been removed, deer numbers have exploded, passing the responsibility to landowners to maintain numbers within safe limits and keep herds in good health.

- If your objective is to maximise income then that usually means increasing the health of a herd, so accompanied stalks can bring in the right clients.
- If your objective is to reduce crop damage, then we need to understand which deer are causing the damage, and whether we can change their behaviour using sections of deer fencing, dispersal, removing problem animals, or even use feeders elsewhere. We can limit the numbers of deer to a level you determine.
- If you have forestry under the Scottish Forestry Grant scheme, you are obliged to have in place a contract eliminating deer. We provide that to you in a form that generates additional income to you from stalks and game dealer sales.

You set the goals. We deliver them. All without cost to you at any stage.

Qualified, certified and insured

Our operations are covered by insurance, of up to £10,000,000.

Our Deer Managers are qualified to DSC2 level and registered with Scottish Natural Heritage

Our Deer Managers are marksmen who hold safe shooter certificates, authorised to operate shooting ranges as Range Conducting Officers.

Our team have lifetimes of experience in good wildlife management practice, including as gamekeepers and professional deer managers.

All visits to your property are advised in advance by email. We send a photograph of the person who is visiting, and their name. Our team carry photo ID cards that they are happy to display on request.

Where shooting is required, all FAC firearms have sound moderators. We advise you of the dates and times ahead of schedule, and respect block out periods you may request.

When shooting we check the area is clear using thermal imaging to ensure there are no walkers or farm animals that may be affected by the activity.

We operate an ISO 9001:2015 quality system so you can expect consistent service.

Every landowner can enhance their income by good deer management.

Income to you, or savings from deer management, ranges from hundreds to tens of thousands of pounds per annum depending on the land area, type of cover and your objectives.

To find out more, email:

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