



Sponsor a Little Tern Tracker

The North Wales Little Tern Group are offering a sponsorship programme to fund tracking devices which will reveal the migration route and wintering locations of these threatened seabirds over the 2019-2020 seasons.

Little Tern is amber listed in the UK and has seen the UK population fall to 1700 pairs in recent years. Despite the improving knowledge for conserving the species on the breeding grounds, little is known about threats on the migration or wintering grounds. These devices will help uncover the route they take and where the favoured areas are to spend the winter. This is a first for Western Europe on this species so you will be part of a ground-breaking project!

The trackers are tiny and weigh less than a gram. They will be attached to the leg of the bird during the 2019 season and then it will be possible to re-sight them on nests using cameras when the birds return in 2020 and retrieve the tracker to analyse the data. Some have already been funded but more would add to what is learnt from the project.



Close-up of a Little Tern with a tracker attached.

Adult Little Tern with a tracker on left leg from Lithuania.



For £100 you will be able to fund a whole tracking device. In return you can:

- Name the bird
- Receive a photo of the bird with tag
- Newsletter about the project after the 2019 season
- Life history of the bird
- An update if/when the bird is re-caught in 2020
- A final info doc about the movements of revealed by the tag
- Have the tracker once retrieved

For £50 you will be able to fund half a tracking device. You can also:

- Half name the bird (a double-barrelled name will be used)
- Receive a photo of the bird with tag
- Newsletter about the project after the 2019 season
- Life history of the bird
- An update if/when the bird is re-caught in 2020
- A final info doc about the movements of revealed by the tag

If you would like sponsor a tracker please complete the form below. If you are already a member of the tern group just put down your name and e-mail address or phone number as we already have your details:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Full or half sponsorship:

Please make cheques payable to North Wales Little Tern Group or transfer money online to North Wales Little Tern Group (Sort Code: 20-25-76 and Account Number: 63094219). Payment needs to be made by January 2019.

For further information on the project please email nwlittletern@gmail.com.

'Terns and conditions apply!' There are no guarantees your bird will return or be caught but every effort will be made within the best interests of the bird to retrieve and analyse the data on the tracking device. Life history of the bird will only be known if it was ringed as a chick. If your bird doesn't return, an update from another bird which did return will be offered instead. If your tracker cannot be purchased, you will be offered a full refund.