

Outer Hebrides Biological Recording Targeted Biological Recording Fieldwork Grants 2021-2022

The objective of the grant scheme is to encourage and facilitate biological recording in the Outer Hebrides to increase our knowledge of the biodiversity of the archipelago.

This includes:

1. Surveys of one or more taxonomic groups in under-recorded areas, including outlying islands.
2. Surveys of taxonomic groups where our knowledge of the species composition and distribution within the islands is limited.
3. Surveys of one or more species of invasive non-native species (INNS).

The purpose of the grant is to contribute to the costs of essential travel required for the fieldwork element of the project.

This may include:

1. Cost of ferry journeys between the island groups i.e., Berneray to Harris or Eriskay to Barra
2. Cost of travel to outlying islands, this may include the use of excursions organised by local boat owners or specific charters.
3. Travel by public transport or private car.

Grants are available to for fieldwork undertaken between April 2021 and March 2022 as part of existing or new projects.

Grants are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

Recipients of OHBR Fieldwork Grants will be required to

1. Submit the biological records resulting from their survey work to OHBR before 31 March 2022.
2. Ensure that the records are fully documented, and ensure that the species identification can be verified.
3. Provide a report to OHBR on the results of the survey work undertaken.
4. Provide an inventory of the travel costs and receipts for the expenditure, before 31 March 2022.
5. Ensure that in any publication based on the data collected acknowledges the support of OHBR and NatureScot.

The Grant is the total amount of funds we will provide and will not be increased if your costs increase or for any other reason. If you complete the Project without spending the full amount of Grant, we will recalculate the amount of Grant to be paid to reflect the underspend. Any underspend cannot be carried forward into the next financial year.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Christine Johnson (e-mail admin@ohbr.org.uk)

