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*'leading the way in
otter conservation worldwide'*

From Paul...

2016 has been an incredible year for IOSF and we are seeing a real increase in concern for otter conservation worldwide.

In January we launched the Year of the Otter to highlight the importance of otters and to raise funds. With the help of many of you we have been able to translate the Year of the Otter poster into 28 languages and these are being used in even more countries. People have been doing all sorts of different things to create awareness and raise funds - coffee mornings, otter days, Andy Rothwell is kayaking around the Isle of Wight and our own daughter, Kirsty, took part in the Glamaig Hill Run on Skye, all to raise money for otters.

World Otter Day was held on 25 May and individuals and organisations held more events all over the world.

In our own otter hospital, we have taken in five otter cubs and been called out to many road casualties and the post mortem work continues through our collaboration with Cardiff University. Our expertise has also helped otter cubs of three species in seven countries (Finland, Greece, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Democratic Republic of Congo, Philippines).

The success of our African otter workshop last year continues through the African Otter Network who are doing base line surveys and education work in schools in Tanzania and working with fishermen in Kenya.



One of the highlights of the year came in September when we held the first ever otter workshop in China - this was something we started planning about two years ago and it was wonderful to actually see it come to fruition. We hear a lot about animal issues in China but things are improving and the enthusiasm of the group was so positive. We now have a Chinese Otter Conservation Network and you will read more about this further on.

As always we have to thank you, our loyal followers and supporters, for your continued support and help. Unfortunately we are always restricted by funding and with more income I promise we WILL do more to help the world's otters.

We hope you have a safe and lovely Christmas and New Year.

Paul

The Year at a Glance

OCTOBER

Kid's colouring competition on IOSF's Team Otter website with Oceanographic Environmental Research Society

NOVEMBER

Carla released back to the wild

DECEMBER

William Mgomo visits community schools in Liparamba Reserve, Tanzania

JANUARY

Launch of the Year of the Otter with posters in 28 languages

FEBRUARY

9 month old Congo clawless cub, Mweka, starts becoming more independent

MARCH

Otter cub, Kerr, arrives from the Scottish Borders

APRIL

Wild otter visits croft rehab pens - www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wDLOLcViGY

MAY

World Otter Day on 25 May

JUNE

3.8 million year old fossil otter found in Idaho

JULY

Proof of otters breeding in the Democratic Republic of Congo

AUGUST

IOSF helps cubs in Germany, Finland and Greece

SEPTEMBER

First ever Chinese otter workshop held in Zhuhai



2016 The Year of the Otter

In January we launched the Year of the Otter to create more awareness and raise funds to support otter conservation projects worldwide.

We have to protect otters so that future generations can enjoy one of the world's most charming, elusive and enjoyable mammals. But it is more than that. Otters are ambassadors of a healthy environment and can act as a symbol to wetland conservation.



Projects will involve local communities to educate, inform and encourage the protection and conservation of otters. We want people throughout the world to be as appalled by otter persecution and hunting as we are towards tiger and rhino hunting. We want them to know what healthy otter populations mean for the environment and dispel myths that are causing otters to be intentionally disturbed, persecuted and hunted.

In the future we want to have a full time education officer to develop this work further. Education is vital if we are to protect our otters, but we need funds for this.

So if you can help please send your donation, no matter how small, and encourage your friends and family to join in.

You can send a cheque marked 'Year of the Otter' on the back or make a donation online at www.ottershop.co.uk, putting "Year of the Otter" in the message box. We also have a year-long appeal running on the crowd-funding platform FundIt.Buzz at: www.buzzbnk.org/otters

Otter News on PDF

Help ISOF to put more money in to Otter conservation by reading your Otter Review online. If you are happy to do this please email us at enquiries@otter.org quoting your sponsorship number, and reduce our printing and postage costs. If you prefer, we are still happy to send out a printed copy to you.

Pass It On

Recycle your Otter Review by passing it on to freinds and family; your loal library or school; doctors surgery or hospital, vets waiting room etc.

*Don't waste it,
share it*

Year of the Otter Grand Raffle

IOSF is pleased to bring you the chance to win some **otterly amazing** prizes in our Grand Raffle.



1st prize

An Otter Watching Day for two people on the Isle of Skye (for details visit)

www.otter.org/Public/Events_OtterWatchingDays.aspx



2nd prize

A beautiful patinated cold cast bronze low relief sculpture by artist David Burt



3rd prize

A wonderful soft toy otter from Hansa, standing approx. 50cm tall (he's big!)

4th prize

An IOSF Otter Adoption Gift Box

5th prize

A signed copy of "Otters of the World" by Paul and Grace Yoxon

6th prize

A copy of "Alone" by DJ Brazier - an exciting otter themed adventure book for older children

For a chance to win one of these items and to help the IOSF Year of the Otter appeal, go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/YearoftheOtter-Raffle

Tickets cost just £5 each and are available from our JustGiving fundraising page. Make sure once your donation has gone through, that you tick the box alongside "I'm happy to be contacted by". Justgiving can then share your contact details with us and we can issue you with a ticket number. The draw will take place on January 6th 2017 and all winners will be notified by email.

Good luck!

The patinated cold cast bronze low relief sculpture, by the artist David Burt, www.davidburtsculptures.com measures 34cm across, is backed with green baize and has two hanging points.

If you would like to enter the raffle but do not have access to the internet please telephone us on **01471 822487**, or send a cheque to the address inside the back cover of this review (make sure you give us your name and address and write Grand Raffle on the reverse of the cheque).



International Otter Survival Fund's

Otter Oscars

2016



Another new initiative is the launch of the Otter Oscars - after all we have the BAFTAs and the Oscars, so why should otters be left out!

The Otter Oscars are open to all, and will be presented annually - beginning in December 2016, so be sure to tell your school or group about them. Check our website for information on the 2017 Otter Oscars.

The categories are:

Children – 12 years or under (as at 1 December 2016). Includes any activity aimed to promote otter conservation such as artwork, writing, fundraising, etc

Young People – As for children but for anyone 13-18 years.

Group/Organisation – For example school, natural history group, Scouts/ Guides, etc.

Community Achievement – Any activity involving local communities - practical work, education, etc.

Research – Open to amateur or professional researchers. Research must have taken place during 2016, although ongoing projects may be submitted. Projects must not involve any procedure which is invasive or in any other way harms animals.

Photography – Open to amateur or professional photographers. The photo must have been taken during 2016 and entries must indicate where and when it was taken, and whether in the wild or in captivity. Photos may also include habitat or otter signs.

Special Award – Open to anyone who has made a lifelong commitment to otter conservation.

Applications/nominations should be submitted by 28 November 2016 and can be in more than one category.

For full information and how to nominate go to
or contact enquiries@otter.org.

World Otter Day

Although 2016 is the Year of the Otter we still held our annual World Otter Day on Wednesday 25 May, with various events around the world including:

- Laurence Broderick Sculptures donated £340.00 following their auction event supporting World Otter Day
- An Otter Trail at Wildwood Escot, Ottery St Mary Devon
- Otter Weekend at Paradise Wildlife Park, Herts, with stalls, quizzes and activities for all ages
- Activities by Large Marine Vertebrate Project at Robinson's Mall, Puerto Princesa City, Philippines
- Otter talks and competition at the Scottish Deer Centre in Cupar, Fife
- Fun celebration of otters at Audubon Zoo, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Billboard erected by River Otter Ecology Project, Mt. View Sanitary District, California
- Otter month for the whole of May at the Portsmouth Blue Reef Aquarium
- Mull Magic donated £10 for every eagle sighting that day raising £110
- Sarah Neill and her students at Kendal College raised £138.41 on otter day
- Stare Mesto school, Czech Republic, had a wildlife walk with ALKA Wildlife
- Zookeepers at the Centre de Réintroduction in Hunawihr, France held an otter celebration
- Addy de Jonge, from Stichting Otterstation Nederland, opened a new otter orphanage
- George Bouros, University of Bucharest, constructed log pile holts, and had exhibitions and field trips in the Natural Urban Park Văcărești.
- Geraldine Anslow, Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland, organised activities at the local school including a fundraising tea
- Grace Onions, her children and friends enjoyed an otter-themed tea party and games to raise money for otters



Education

Education is useless! Useless that is UNLESS it leads to action.

We may know that otter conservation is important but unless we actually do something about it we achieve nothing. With this in mind all our education projects aim to lead to real conservation action.

UK

Otters and fishermen

There has been much publicity about otters making a strong recovery in England with reports that they are now in every English county. However, we know that otters in Kent, Sussex and parts of Hertfordshire are not doing so well.

Such reports can worry fishermen that all their stock will disappear as otters “flood” back into the countryside. So an important part of our work is to help fishermen to understand the true facts of otters and their place in the environment. We have had various false facts thrown at us – for example, one fisherman blamed us personally for the increase in otters which he reckoned had grown from an introduced population of about 100 to about 200,000 in 20 years! How he came up with this figure we have no idea as otters simply do not breed that quickly! On the other hand, we recently had a phone call from an angler who was so delighted that he had spotted an otter whilst fishing. Such a difference in attitude.

IOSF appreciates that obviously otters will take fish, but if the environment is healthy it can support a good fish population for both otters and fishermen and this is what we have to get over to the fishing community.



A Eurasian Otter

Education material for teachers

IOSF's children's education pack, which includes indoor and outdoor activities for children, is available at www.ottershop.co.uk but there are also various free downloads at http://www.otter.org/Public/MediaAndResources/Resources_ForChildren.aspx

We are also working towards producing inter-active educational material on our website.

Studying otters can be helpful in all aspects of the curriculum, such as:

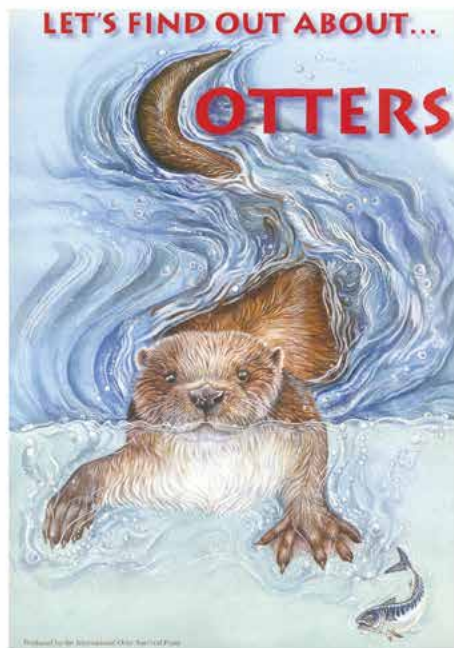
- **Geography** – look at the various places in the world where otters are found and the different habitats
- **Language** – help young children to understand how animals are named because of their features. Giant otters are very big, sea otters live in the sea, spotted necked otters have spots and blotches on their necks, clawless otters have no claws and hairy-nosed otters – well you have got the picture!
- **Foreign languages** – see how many names for otters they can find in different languages – and don't let them cheat by seeing the list in the back of our book "Otters of the World"!
- **Ecology** – introduce the children to various concepts such as food chains/ webs, biodiversity, the place of otters in the ecosystem, etc
- **Threats and Conservation** – the threats to otters largely reflect those which affect much of our wildlife – habitat loss; pollution; disturbance; illegal hunting; and for otters, conflicts with fishermen.

If you need posters and photos of otters or any other help please contact enquiries@otter.org.

Team Otter

Our children's website, Team Otter www.loveotters.org is proving very popular with hits almost doubling in the last 12 months.

Abroad



Africa

Since last year's workshop, **William Mgomo from the Liparamba Reserve in Tanzania**, has been very busy visiting community schools on his motor bike to tell them about otters and get them involved in conservation.

He wants to visit more schools further afield and work with fishing communities on Lake Nyasa. During his travels, William looks for otter signs and recently he found spraints on River Nakahulu.



*William and his motorbike
©William Mqomo*

We think William's work is extremely valuable and want to continue to support him. *If you would like to donate please send a cheque, marked "William" on the back, or donate online at www.ottershop.co.uk. Please put "William" in the message box. Many thanks.*

China

Concern in China about the illegal wildlife trade is growing and both the medical and tourism industries are beginning to stand up against it. So our workshop in Zhuhai was met with much enthusiasm.

There are three species of otter in China: Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*), classified in the Red List as "Near Threatened", Smooth-coated otter (*Lutrogale perspicillata*), classified as "Vulnerable" and Asian small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), classified as "Vulnerable". Populations of all three are declining, largely due to wetland degradation, depletion of food resources, and illegal hunting. Otters are now protected in China but, of course, illegal trade does still continue.

The workshop was a great success and participants came from all over the country and also from Nepal. There is now a Chinese Otter Conservation Network who will work together to develop conservation projects and share education material. They have identified the priorities to be base-line surveys to establish actual distribution and more education/public awareness.

See the full report on

www.otter.org/Public/IOSFWork.aspx



Delegates at the workshop in China

The workshop was a true milestone in otter conservation and some participants are already active.

China is a major market for otter fur, particularly in Tibet, where it forms a part of the traditional dress. One participant, He Bing, works there and he showed us a beautiful book on otters, written in Tibetan. It tells how the people are now rejecting the use of otters and other animal furs. This will have a serious impact on illegal trade and Bing is keen to translate it and print it in English to increase awareness.

Many participants were eager to return home to start looking for signs of otter, to get more information on otter distribution. Sharne McMillan is just starting her PhD on otters in the Mai Po nature reserve and volunteers at the Ocean Park Hong Kong and WWF are enthusiastic to help. This mutual co-operation is so important.

Many thanks to all of the participants who made this workshop such a success and also to the Chimelong Group Co., Ltd for their help with the venue and accommodation.

水獭需要你的援助



Public Otter Education Leaflet produced for China



Education day at Chimelong with local school children ©Ocean Kingdom Media

Supporter Rates *Increase the value of your gift to IOSF: giftaid it*

UK and EEC Countries:

Adult: £24.00 per year | Child: £13.00 per year | Family: £34.00 per year

All other countries:

Adult: £30.00 per year | Child: £15.00 per year | Family: £40.00 per year

Life Membership (all countries): £350.00

If you are paying by standing order, please ensure you are paying the correct amount.

Otter Rescue and Rehabilitation

People sometimes query the value of rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals. Does it really make a difference to actual populations?

In truth, no it doesn't, unless you are dealing with a really rare species. However, as well as the animal welfare aspect, it focuses your mind on the importance of preserving these animals in the wild – the individual becomes the ambassador for the species.

This year we received five otters and three others have been released (Carla, Puddle and Zoomer). The most important thing for anyone involved in wild animal rehabilitation is to keep the animal wild, as otherwise it cannot be released. This is why we must keep human contact to a minimum and we do not have visitors to the animals.

Small cubs obviously have to be handled for feeding, but once they are feeding themselves we withdraw and only see them briefly to feed and check them. Already at about four months they spit and snarl every time we go near - a good sign! We really don't want them going near people once released.

In February, Lisa Madigan in north Skye contacted us for advice on a juvenile otter, which had been chased on to the beach by a dog. The otter appeared uninjured so Lisa just monitored it. In October we heard that the otter was now much bigger, healthy and well fed. Such observation is very useful - sometimes people feel they



Carla



Puddle and Zoomer

must DO something when in fact the best thing is to leave well alone, BUT keep a watchful eye on the situation.

In March a cub arrived from the Scottish Borders. He had walked into the Margaret Kerr Unit of the Borders General Hospital and was taken to Arthurshiel Animal Rescue Centre, so he was called Kerr.



Kerr

In July Munloch Animal Aid, near Inverness, called about a female cub, we named Ganga. We have had cubs before, from both Arthurshiel and Munloch, so the transfers to Skye were quickly arranged.

In August a cub was found hiding in a garden in Glenelg after his mum was killed on the road and he came to us on the old traditional ferry crossing to Kylerhea.



Ganga cosy in her nest

He was about the same size as Ganga so we planned to put them together after a period of quarantine.

We were just coming to the end of this when he died suddenly overnight – a complete shock. All dead otters are sent to Cardiff University for post mortem and we are awaiting the results.

Another cub, from North Uist, was eating very well but didn't put on any weight. Sadly she died and the post mortem found nothing abnormal. The reality is unlike forensic programmes on TV, and animals do die for no obvious reason.



Injured gannet found beside a Skye sea loch

Although we specialise in otters, we do take other wildlife casualties and this year we had the usual mix of hedgehogs, seal pups, tawny owl, a beautiful gannet, and various other birds.

If you would like to support our cubs in the Sanctuary you can send a cheque marked "Hospital" on the back or make a donation online at www.ottershops.co.uk

Northern Ireland

We have often worked with Emma Higgs of Irish Wildlife Matters to help cubs in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. In the past some animals came to Skye as there were no facilities which could deal with their long-term care. However, there is now a facility in Kildare, so when a vet nurse near Belfast contacted us about a male cub, we put her on to Emma.

Otters Abroad

We are often contacted to give help and advice to people caring for otters all over the world and over the years we have developed a good network of people who can help – vets, other otter rehabbers, researchers, etc. This year we have been able to help with the following:

Germany

In July, Geranda Olsthoorn phoned for advice on a thin cub, Otmar, which

weighed 1.4kg but still only had tiny teeth – when Ganga arrived weighing just 750g she already had some small teeth. Geranda then received a second cub, Davie. She was very concerned as he seemed to show distemper-like symptoms, but tests revealed that it wasn't this serious disease but a respiratory infection. Davie was still in quarantine to prevent cross-infection, but since then he has been introduced to Otmar and they get on very well.

Finland

Sara Randsröm, from Bromarv, rang for help with two cubs found in the town square, after a dead otter, presumably the mother, was found not far away. On arrival the cubs were very thirsty and not very active but after being given rehydration fluids they soon became more alert and are doing well.



Otmar and Davie
©Geranda Olsthoorn



The two cubs in Finland
©Sara Randsstrom



©Action for Wildlife, Greece

Greece

Penelope Karagianni contacted us on behalf of Action for Wildlife in northern Greece, who had a young otter from the port in Chalkidiki. The mother otter was seen trying to move two cubs but couldn't reach them, so people moved them to a nearby small beach, hoping she would find them. Next day one cub was dead and they took in the other one. They tried again to reunite it with the mother but with no luck, so now they are caring for it at their centre.

Italy

We have recently been contacted for help with the release of a rehabilitated otter cub in the Abruzzo region.



Mweka ©Glen & Rita Chapman

Democratic Republic of Congo

Just after the African workshop Glen and Rita Chapman received a new cub, named Mweka after the college venue. Delphin and Sico, as usual, were so important in caring for the new cub and took her down to the fish ponds daily. In March, Rita and Glen visited family in America and we were able to send a parcel containing various supplies including baby bottle teats (hard to obtain in Kikongo), and cameras (both digital and remote trap). Mweka remained in the capable hands of Sico and Delphin but during this time she decided it was time to set off into the wild on her own. She was already becoming more independent before they left and so this news didn't come as a complete surprise.

Research

UK

Post Mortem Report

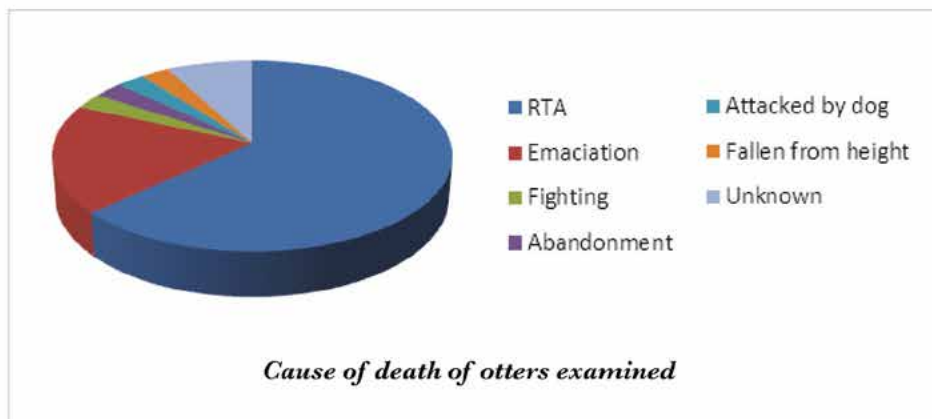
Since 2013, Cardiff University has been conducting post mortems on otter casualties found across Scotland in addition to those from England and Wales. Although the cause of death may appear obvious, eg a road casualty, post mortems may reveal other information. Recently nematode worms were found in the stomach of a Scottish otter – this has almost never been found in otters from England and Wales.

The chart below shows the causes of death identified by post mortem. Roads are the main contributor to otter deaths throughout Scotland, accounting for 63% of the deaths reported, followed by emaciation which accounts for 18%.



Cause of death of otters examined

Of the 38 otters examined, 20 were male and 18 female so there appears to be little difference in gender. Adults and subadults accounted for 31 of the 38 carcasses (81.5%) but none of the cubs or juvenile deaths were caused by roads. Most adults are killed on roads and if a female has young they will have no food supply and will starve. Detailed aging using teeth is still to be done and this will give a clearer indication of the exact ages of Scottish otters. However Cardiff have found that of the 110 English and Welsh otters aged only 10 were more than four years old and the oldest was only eight. Similar studies in the Czech Republic and Germany have found



wild otters as old as 16. This is clearly very worrying as we don't know the reason, but without data we have no idea if this is also happening in Scotland.

Tissue samples have been kept for toxicology, which will provide an indication of harmful chemicals in the environment which may pose a potential threat to otters, the environment in general, and to humans. This is obviously very important and so it is essential that the vital work by Cardiff University continues.

Find out more about the work of the Project at www.cardiff.ac.uk/otter-project

Skye Otter Population Monitoring Project

In 2014 we began annual monitoring of 15 coastal sections in order to review the otter population research published in 1999. Each section was visited to record the number of active otter holts, which gives approximate population numbers. The total number of holts in each section is shown below:

Year	2014	2015	2016
Holts	23	27	29

Total number of holts counted

This shows that actual holt numbers have increased slightly in the 15 sections sampled, with more active holts being found in three sections. However, there is insufficient data yet to say that otter



Skye Camera Trap image of wild otter

numbers are increasing but it does show that populations on these sampled coastlines are healthy and have not altered significantly since 1999. This project will continue so that we can obtain long term data for Skye.

In addition to holt monitoring, we have been collecting data for nine years using camera traps at one site on Skye, which has revealed much useful information. For example freshwater otters were believed to be largely nocturnal while coastal otters were diurnal (active in the day). The camera traps captured coastal otters active at night so they seem to spend both day and night feeding and resting.

Although we have known that otters use freshwater pools to wash salt out of their fur there aren't many photos of this. However, on 3 August we found video of an otter washing www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Fd6PsZsFiA

So long term research is not just useful for monitoring but also for other behavioural information.

Abroad

Research in Africa

Since the workshop in Tanzania the African Otter Network has been very active:

Democratic Republic of Congo

The Kikongo team of Glen, Rita, Delphin and Sico got camera trap images of two otters – one larger and one smaller, proving Congo clawless otters are breeding in the area.

Tanzania

William Mgomo found evidence of otters along the Ruvuma and Nakavulu rivers in the Laparamba reserve and Moses Shimba also found signs at Nyange River in the south of the country.

Kenya

Risper Ondiek has been talking to fishermen who reported that otters are there but numbers seem to have declined since 1990s.

Ethiopia

Engadesew Andarge is doing a PhD on the African clawless otter and took this photo (*see below*) of a footprint on the shore of Lake Tana (source of Blue Nile).

Malawi

Hetherwick Msiska has been studying the spotted-necked otters of the lower Rumphu river.



Footprint of an African clawless otter ©Engedesew Andarge

Coming Soon!

Watch out for details about our new t-shirt design.

We will be using the Teespring sellers' platform again and hope that you will support us.

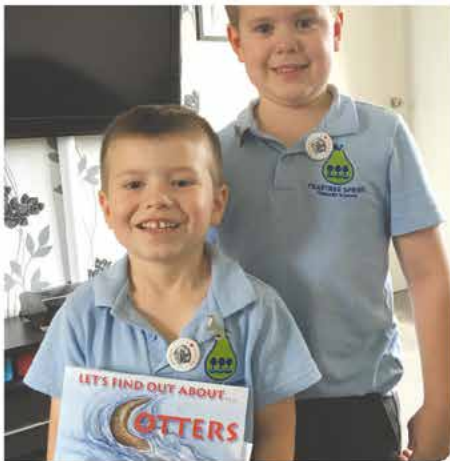


Supporter News

Various events have been going on to celebrate the Year of the Otter:

Andy Rothwell has been a friend and supporter of IOSF for many years and is also a member of our Board. He set himself a personal challenge of paddling around the Isle of Wight (approx. 60 miles) to create more awareness of otters and raise funds for IOSF.

Joshua Mart (aged 5) attends Peartree Spring Primary School in Hertfordshire. On 15 July Joshua took his Otter book for Show and Tell and told his schoolmates all about otters and showed a picture of Ganga. He gave otter stickers to his friends and they all took turns to look at the book. Joshua is very quiet and shy at school but as you can see from the photo he was very proud of himself after his show and tell.

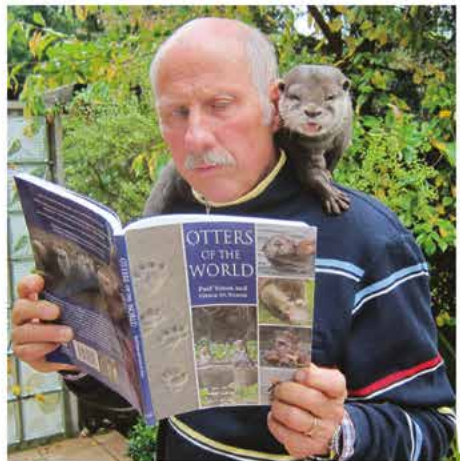


*Joshua and his brother Oliver
©Laura Mart*

Matt Harrison runs A.C.E. Target Sports in Portree, on Skye, and on 8 October he held a "Charity Day" to raise funds for three local charities, including IOSF. The event was open to anyone aged 5 years + (with adult supervision) in exchange for donations.

Wolfgang and Traudl Gettmann have supported IOSF for many years. In the summer Paul and Grace were delighted to meet up with them during their Scottish holiday. They also made a generous donation of €270 for World Otter Day, which again had been raised with Nemo, their Asian small-clawed otter.

Daphne Neville is another long standing supporter, who regularly raises funds for IOSF when she gives talks with her own Asian small-clawed otters.



*Wolfgang and Nemo
©Wolfgang Gettmann*

John Noorani is an avid fan of otters and all wildlife and also enjoys cruises around the Hebrides. He is an excellent photographer and is happy to share his photos with other passengers on board for which he suggests a donation be made to IOSF.

Well done everyone – we really appreciate your efforts.



Shetland otter ©John Noorani

On 9 July **Kirsty Yoxon** ran the Glamaig Hill Race on Skye, which is a gruelling 4.5ml race up and down the 2500 ft (775m) hill on Skye, described as one of the toughest races in Scottish hill running. Runners are a mix of experienced club runners and locals, and we are delighted to say that even though the weather was appalling, Kirsty was the first local lady home in 1hr 23 minutes. She raised over £300 for the otters.

Don't underestimate what YOU can do

Sometimes we know something needs changing but feel powerless to do anything about it. Recently we read about 14 year old Lucy Gavaghan who took on the supermarket giant Tesco and persuaded them to stop selling eggs from caged hens. She started a petition and collected 280,299 signatures, which led to a meeting with Tesco's head of agriculture. Tesco have now confirmed they will stop selling these eggs by 2025 - positive news even if it is somewhat slow.

This has nothing to do with otters, of course, but the fact that this teenager achieved such a major change in a supermarket's policy shows we can all achieve positive things - even small steps are better than standing still.

A simple thing you can do is download and print the IOSF leaflet which is on the front page of our website and share it with friends, put in libraries, shops, etc.

So in this, the **Year of the Otter**, let's join together to take steps to protect these wonderful animals.

Help IOSF



Donate to IOSF through Payroll Giving

Payroll Giving is a flexible scheme which allows anyone who pays UK income tax to give regularly and on a tax-free basis to the charity of their choice. You can now use this system to donate to IOSF.

Payroll Giving donations are deducted before tax so each £1.00 you give only costs you 80p, and if you are a higher rate tax payer it only costs you 60p.

For more information go to www.givingonline.org.uk/
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Social Media

You can follow IOSF on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and find the links on our website home page

www.otter.org.

The Otter Shop is also on Facebook and Twitter.



Otters on the Internet

We receive regular notices about items in the media concerning otters.

You can keep up to date with these reports on our website:

www.otter.org/Public/News_OtterNews.aspx

Other ways you can help

Check out our Fundraising Pack
www.otter.org



Text "IOSF11 £5" to 70070 to donate through **justgiving**

JustGiving

Can you donate something through our **Amazon Wish List** www.amazon.co.uk

amazon wish list

Donate unwanted clothes to **Charity Ecosystem**
www.charity-ecosystem.org

CHARITY ECOSYSTEM

Turn your old car into a donation for otters through **Giveacar**
www.giveacar.co.uk



Buy your pet insurance through **Animal Friends**
www.animalfriends.co.uk

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Search the internet through
www.everyclick.com



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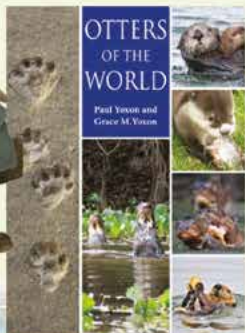
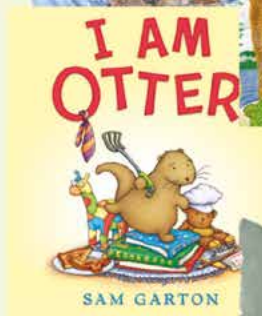
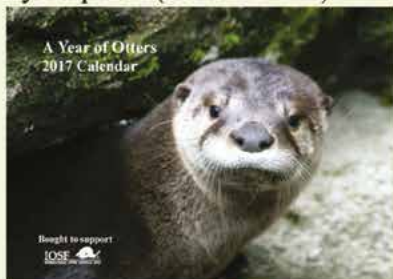


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