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The number of lapwings in Wales has declined by 90% in recent Wales, meaning that the risk of extinction is very real. Thankfully, players of People's Postcode Lottery are supporting work to help reverse this decline.

Over the past two years, the staff and volunteers at Parc Slip nature reserve have been carrying out conservation work throughout the autumn and winter to improve and increase nesting and foraging habitat for the lapwing, a farmland bird that has been declining due to habitat loss.

The project, which has been supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery, has so far involved over 350 volunteer hours, which have been spent digging ponds, clearing scrub, raking, weeding and also monitoring lapwing activity. The benefits of this work have been evident this year, as six lapwings were seen using the habitat throughout the spring, and for the first time in a number of years a lapwing pair successfully reared a chick, which fledged this June.

Not only have the lapwings benefitted from the conservation project, but the volunteers involved have also enjoyed being part of it and gave them a chance to gain skills and experience in the conservation sector and also to spend some time in the natural world

Thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery, we were able to help both people and wildlife on this project and we hope to be able to continue with this good work for years to come, so we may support the beautiful lapwing on its way back to recovery at Parc Slip.

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