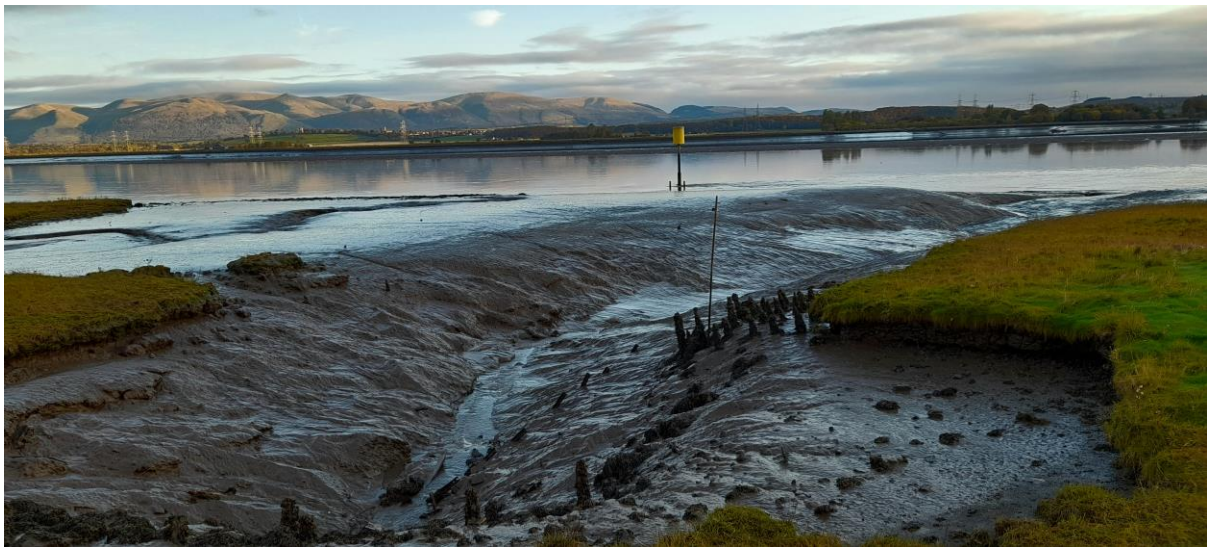


Now that we are into November it means busy times Wildfowling, driven pheasants and partridges, and beating at local estates.

At a local estate nearing the end of October 2 days shooting over spaniels were very much enjoyed these handlers put in maximum effort in order to take themselves and dogs forward eventually to the coveted FTC status.

It's always nice to hear from some of our younger members when after many fruitless mornings and sometimes seasons they hit the target taking a few pinks home for the table. The reward is hard to explain but it is even more so when they have put all the effort and reconnaissance in themselves.



On info from a friend whilst beating I decided to try for a goose flight on an estuary west of the Kingdom. The night before and after an hour on google maps I had my car parking sorted out also my position on the sea wall, I had never set foot on this particular expanse of mud and as it was going to be a morning flight there was not much room for error.

As it turned out the weather was kind and in the dark exciting which is not bad for an old guy!! Although very little was heard I managed to call a young pink over my position and before I knew it I had a pink in the bag, my first for that area. It never fails to amaze me how just one bird can make your morning a massive success and one of those days you will never forget.

Good luck for the coming weeks if we still get out and about and don't be going into silly places like the gutter in the pic, always risk access!!