

THE ALICE MCCOSH TRUST NEWSLETTER

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2013-14 AWARD HOLDER ANNETTE FAYET

Annette undertook fieldwork amongst Manx shearwaters, a seabird, in Pembrokeshire, Wales. They spend most of their lives at sea and can fly thousands of miles across open oceans.

With recent technological advances in the development of miniature tracking devices it is now possible to track them at sea.

Annette's research involved attaching these trackers to both adult birds and juveniles, and tracking their movements over the sea as they foraged for food. The results are fascinating, showing that some birds travelled hundreds of miles over a period of a week or two.



A detailed report on Annette's fieldwork can be found on our website.



2014-15 AWARD

This year we were able to give two awards:

- Natasha Phillips (Queen's University, Belfast) to study Ocean Sunfish in an Italian Marine Protected Area; and
- Andrea Barden (University of Leeds) to explore butterfly land-use associations in farming systems of the Eastern Mediterranean.



2015-16 AWARD

Applications for next year are now open. The closing date is the 30th November 2015 and the successful applicant will be announced early in 2016.

CARDS FOR SALE

Gecko cards, Mouse cards and Butterfly cards can be ordered on The Alice McCosh Trust website, with Happy Christmas printed on the inside, or as a blank card for your own message.