



Honorary president Helen Macdonald, author of 'H is for Hawk'

Are you interested in birds of prey?

Raptors hold a special fascination for many people: a Peregrine 'stooping' on its prey at amazing speed; a Red Kite floating lazily over farmland; a Tawny Owl hooting invisibly in the dark – birds of prey seem to capture the very essence of wildness, even though some of them nest in our towns and villages and, in some cases, depend on humans for their nest-sites. Now there is a new group set up to study and protect this group of birds in Gloucestershire.

Established in 2014 and modelled on similar initiatives in other counties, the Gloucestershire Raptor Monitoring Group is a study group of committed, like-minded people who aim to monitor the status, progress and behaviour of raptors within the county.

This is what we do:-

- Monitor nests to assess overall numbers and breeding success, and send records to appropriate organisations (locations are kept confidential where necessary)
- Observe and record interesting behaviour
- Meet occasionally to plan activity and produce reports
- Ensure research/findings contribute to conservation and help to inform/educate
- Increase awareness of raptor persecution
- Investigate the factors into any decline in species at a county level.

But we need your help.....

- Do you know of a raptor nest-site, or even have raptors nesting on your property or land?
- Would you like to be involved in surveying or even ringing birds of prey?

If you can answer 'yes' to any of the above or want to find out more, please contact us:-



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