

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

LICENCE - Kill or take wild birds or their eggs, use a prohibited method or disturb wild birds or their nests when in use or being built

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the above legislation

Any request for information in this licence will be considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as appropriate.



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Natural England Ref: **2016-24804-SPM -WLM**

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) Natural England has granted this licence for Birds - General for the purpose of:

Preventing serious damage to livestock or foodstuffs for livestock under section 16(1)(k)

To:

Name (in full):

Company Name:

Address:

County:

Postcode:

Between the dates of:

8 September 2016	and	30 September 2016	inclusive
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At (locations):

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

For the following species:

Species Common Name (Taxonomic Name)	Number	Activity	Method	Detailed Location	OS Grid Reference
Common Buzzard (<i>Buteobuteo</i>)	8	Kill, injure or take	Shooting	[REDACTED]	As above

This licence is granted subject to the licensee, including servants and named agents, adhering to the conditions and notes specified below.

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Date:

8 September 2016

(for and on behalf of Natural England)

WARNING

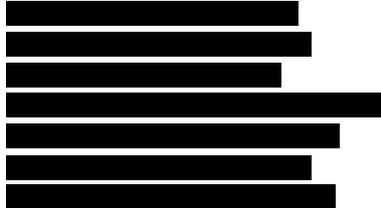
- This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Any departure from the conditions relating to this licence may be an offence under that legislation;
- This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;
- This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.

LICENCE CONDITIONS

- 1) The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that operations comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.
- 2) Only the licensee and any additional authorised person(s), shown on the licence, may act under the authority of this licence.
- 3) This licence does not convey any right of entry upon land, and the landowner's/occupiers prior permission must be obtained, as necessary, before the licence is used.
- 4) A person authorised by the licensee shall provide him/her with such information as is within his/ her knowledge and is necessary for the Report, which the licensee is required to make to Natural England.
- 5) Where the licence permits the killing or taking of a wild animal or wild bird, the licensee and each authorised person must carry a copy of the licence during the course of licensed operations.
- 6) The licensee and any additional authorised person (s) shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/ she considers necessary for the purpose, on production of

his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.

- 7) A maximum of 8 (eight) buzzards may be shot in total under this licence.
- 8) Lethal control by shooting may only be undertaken within or immediately adjacent to the 7 (seven) pheasant release pens listed on this licence (and only where all conditions of this licence can be met):



- 9) Lethal control of problem birds may only be undertaken in or immediately adjacent to stocked pens.
- 10) Use an appropriate firearm and shot or bullet size for the target species.
- 11) Over-flying birds must not be targeted. Individual problem birds may be targeted if they are preying on pheasant poults. This licence does not permit the shooting of buzzards which are feeding on placed baits.
- 12) In order to achieve a clean kill, birds must only be shot when in range.
- 13) All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure that unnecessary suffering of the target birds is avoided. Wounded birds must be pursued and humanely dispatched.
- 14) You must inform Natural England within 3 days, each time you use the licence. This can be either by telephone (0300 060 3900) or email (wildlife@naturalengland.org.uk) quoting your licence number and providing details of the date, location and number of birds shot.
- 15) There must be continued and on-going habitat management to enhance habitat and increase harbours for pheasant poults, reduce perches where practicable and opportunities for avian predators and undertake appropriate management of other predators in each pen and surrounding woodland, to ensure the suitability of the release sites.
- 16) Your 'Report of action taken under licence' is due on or before 14 October 2016. Nil returns are also required. If applicable, the report must include dates, locations and numbers of birds shot against each date. Details of numbers of buzzards present during the licence period, details of non-lethal measures undertaken and ongoing habitat management must also be provided. Failure to make a report may result in the licence being revoked and/or any future applications being refused. Please refer to the accompanying letter for details of further information to be recorded.

NOTES

1. Natural England checks compliance with licenses and the attached conditions.
2. Amendments to the list of people authorised to act under this licence can be made by completing their details on line or by contacting Natural England. Additional authorised persons must not undertake licensable activities until their name is listed on a valid licence.
3. It is the responsibility of each person relying on this licence to ensure that they comply with all the relevant legislation with regard to the use of firearms. It is also their responsibility to use appropriate equipment (e.g. firearm and ammunition) and to ensure that they are competent to use such equipment so as to avoid causing unnecessary suffering.
4. This licence does not permit the use of any method of killing or taking a wild bird or animal which is prohibited by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), except as specifically allowed by this licence.
5. If any birds that have been killed are found to have leg rings, these should be removed and sent to the BTO at The Ringing Unit, BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2PU. Please include details of the bird species and where it was killed, alternatively details may be submitted online at www.ring.ac
6. The data required in your report includes information about: Species, Date of action, Action taken, Number affected, County, OS grid reference and Site name. You can also send additional information. The required format of the data return can be viewed on the Natural England website. Please note the information and format may have changed from previous years.
7. Important - You may also use the report form to request a renewal of your licence if you believe that one will be required after this licence expires. A full application form is only required if you ask for significant changes to your licence (we will contact you if that is the case). Following receipt of your renewal request, Natural England will contact you to reassess the need for the licence. If this relates to a damage problem which is seasonal, this assessment will be deferred until just before the time of year damage occurs.
8. Non-lethal measures should be varied and the licensee should consider new methods, and alternating methods to ensure habituation does not occur. Some non-lethal measures may be undertaken throughout the year (such as use of gas guns, shooting to scare*) and others are only appropriate during the specific times when poults are released (such as use of diversionary feeding and reflective barrier tape).
9. Habitat management should be undertaken at the appropriate times of year. This should include continuing to provide good cover crops for gamebirds and removing perches used by buzzards (e.g. by putting spikes on top of fence posts of pheasant pens). Consideration should be given to making the rides in the cover crops curved to make it more difficult for buzzards to hunt along them.
10. It is recommended you continue with diversionary feeding, ensuring it finishes as soon as the vulnerable period for gamebirds has finished in late September. This should mean that it does not artificially increase the number of buzzards on the estate or increase survival rates of juvenile buzzards over the winter.

*Shooting to scare refers to the action of discharging a shotgun into the air over, under or behind a bird so as to scare the bird, but not to hit it, ensuring that no physical injury occurs.

Additional Authorised Individuals

The additional authorised individuals listed below are also authorised to act under the terms and conditions of this licence:

Title	FirstName	Surname	Address Line 1	Postcode
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