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Expiry: 31st August 2017

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990)

Licence to disturb wild birds included on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

This licence, granted under Section 16(1) (a) and (c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (amended by the Environmental Protection Act 1990) by the Natural Resource Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales, hereby authorises the person named above, hereinafter referred to as the "licensee" to:

1. **disturb** a wild bird listed on Schedule 1 of the above Act whilst it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young;
2. **disturb** dependent young of such a bird;

Species

Locality

Barn Owl

All counties of **Wales**

whilst undertaking nest monitoring.

This licence is valid for the period **as stated above** and is granted subject to compliance with the conditions as specified. Anything done otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the licence may constitute an offence.



Signed for and on behalf of
Natural Resources Wales

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Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English

CONDITIONS

Definitions

'NRW' is an abbreviation of the Natural Resources Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales

'EPS' is an abbreviation of European protected species

'Licence application' refers to the application form, method statement and any other supporting documents (where applicable).

2. Nothing shall be carried out under this licence on a National Nature Reserve or Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) except with the prior written permission from NRW's Regional Office in which the National Nature Reserve or SSSI is situated.
11. Within four weeks after the expiry of this licence, the Licensee shall submit to NRW details of the activities and operations undertaken by virtue of this licence on the official report form, or submit the records to the BTO Nest Records Scheme, *and inform NRW of their NRS Observer Code to show that this has been done.* The BTO link for data submission is <http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/ringing/ipmr>
100. If licensed to do so, any bird or egg temporarily taken, possessed or controlled under this licence shall be returned to its place of origin as soon as its retention is no longer needed for the purposes of this licence. No bird or egg shall be handled for any longer than is totally necessary.
101. No climbing of trees with ropes can be undertaken on Natural Resources Wales land unless it is done so by two qualified and insured climbers. Evidence of suitable qualifications and valid insurance must be presented to the relevant Forest District Officers prior to commencing any work under this licence. Failure to do so **will invalidate your licence and may result in offences being committed.** NRW will not accept responsibility for failure by Licensees to fulfil this obligation and will consider immediate revocation of licences if evidence of non-compliance is received.
200. While engaged in activities under this licence the Licensee shall carry a copy of the licence and must produce it to any police constable or employee of NRW, or other person authorised in writing by NRW, on demand.
202. The activities hereby licensed are restricted to the Licensee, accredited agents and assistants as specified on this licence (see condition 206)
203. No accredited agent of the Licensee shall act under this licence unless they are in possession of a letter appointing them as the duly accredited agent of the licensee for the purpose of this licence. The accredited agent shall carry with them the said letter and a copy of this licence and shall produce them to any police constable or employee of NRW, or other person authorised in writing by the NRW, on demand.
204. Any assistants employed under this licence, whether employed to operate machinery or give advice, shall remain under the personal supervision of the Licensee or any accredited agent at all times.
205. The Licensee must assume full responsibility for the conduct of any assistants and accredited agents employed under this licence.
206. The activities and operations hereby covered are restricted to only those specified on this licence.
207. Any disturbance to animals shall be kept to the absolute minimum required, so animals are not prevented from normal feeding or rest, nor disturbed during breeding or hibernation; unless permission has been granted by NRW to do otherwise. All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent accidental injury to any protected species. Equipment must be of a kind and used in a way which will avoid distress or injury.
208. Unless specified otherwise this licence does not authorise the intentional killing, taking or injuring of any protected species.

209. Possession of this licence confers no rights of entry onto land. This includes open access land, where permission is required to undertake any activity under this licence which may disturb Schedule 1 birds. Permission to enter land or premises must be obtained from the owner or occupier. **Failure to seek permission will invalidate your licence and may result in offences being committed.** NRW will not accept responsibility for failure or omission by Licensees to fulfil this obligation and will consider immediate revocation of licences if complaints from owners or occupiers on these grounds are received.
210. If any European protected species (EPS) are incidentally captured or killed as a result of exercising this licence then NRW's Species Licensing team will be immediately advised on specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk.
211. The Licensee shall advise NRW if there are any changes in their circumstances where such changes could invalidate this licence

NOTES

- N2. The Licensee is reminded that, in relation to conditions relating to Nationally Protected Species, anything done that is not under and in accordance with the terms of this licence may result in a criminal offence being committed under sections 1, 5, 6 (3), 7, 8, 9 (1 – 2), 9 (4 – 4A), 11 (1 – 2) and 13 (1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- N3. This licence may be modified or revoked at any time by NRW.
- N4. Nothing in this licence confers any exemption from any legal provision contained in any Act, other than the Act(s) under which this licence is issued. Where appropriate licences should be obtained from the Home Office to fulfil the requirements of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.
- N5. The Licensee may be accompanied by the owner or occupier of the land on which this licence is exercised. In such circumstances, it will be the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure that no additional disturbance is caused.
- N6. The personal information on this licence will be kept and used by us in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The licence will be permanently retained, as it is a legal document. We may discuss licence content with selected third parties. Other than stated above, we will not make the personal data on this licence available to third parties unless there is an overriding public interest. The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you the right to know what data we hold about you, how we use it, to which third parties it is disclosed, and that it is accurate. To exercise this right please contact the Data Protection Officer at NRW.
- N7. You agree to complete a licence report with details of required biodiversity records collected in association with this licence. We have your permission to store, copy, use, and release or publish any biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive, publication and access will be restricted in accordance with both the Environmental Information Regulations (2004) and our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. We may share the biodiversity records supplied with conservation organisations selected by us. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive any such release will be under restrictive licence conditions in accordance with our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. Please note that an inadequate return will prejudice future licence applications.
- N8. Biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence must be as reliable and accurate possible and collected with all necessary permissions.
- N9. We acknowledge that biological records collected in relation to this licence, unless collected under a contract (with alternate provisions relating to Intellectual Property Rights) for us or a Third Party, remain the intellectual property of the licence holder. In all cases we will seek to

acknowledge intellectual property and not use any biological records collected under licence beyond the purposes stated above.

- N10. **A biosecurity risk assessment should be prepared to evaluate potential risks at each site and relevant biosecurity precautions should be addressed according to the habitats and species present. The following notes should help to inform your working procedure and links to further information can be found below.**

On sites with freshwater, the transfer of amphibian and fish diseases as well as invasive non-native species should be minimised by undertaking cleaning and disinfection of equipment. All debris, plant fragments and mud should first be scrubbed off footwear and rinsed with water. Disinfection should comprise soaking in a bleach solution (1 measure of household bleach to 9 measures of water) for 15 minutes, or using Virkon solution (1mg/ml) for 1 minute. Fabrics can be washed on a 40° C cycle (with detergent, ensuring sufficient rinsing). Nets should be boiled for 10 minutes or, if the fabric allows, disinfected with spray bleach and rinsed thoroughly. Rinse with clean water and if possible, allow to dry before next use. Keep field gear (e.g. traps, net frames, buckets) inside plastic bags during transit and storage to reduce the likelihood of transmitting diseases. All used disinfectants should be disposed of appropriately. Sites considered to be 'infected' should be surveyed/visited last during any programme of work.

To minimise the risk of spreading *Phytophthora* when visiting heathland or woodland sites, scrub all visible soil and debris from footwear using water, spray with Propeller and leave until it has evaporated. Vehicle access along tracks should be kept to a minimum and mud should be cleaned from car wheels, wheel arches and foot wells of cars. This should be repeated at each site visited. *Phytophthora* disease control sites should be avoided if at all possible. Propeller can be obtained from Evans Chemical Supplies, 18B Barncoose Industrial Estate, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, Tel. 01209 213643.

Biosecurity advice on ash dieback disease, *Chalara*, can be found at <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6abl5v>

More information on Phytophthora can be found at <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-3717>

Amphibian workers should read the ARG-UK advice note 4: amphibian disease precautions – a guide for UK field workers (<http://www.arguk.org/advice-and-guidance/view-category>)

Information and advice on invasive non native species can be found at <https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/nonnativespecies/home/index.cfm>

- N16. Licensees are expected to exercise the utmost care to avoid disturbance to wild birds, and in particular to avoid any action which might endanger breeding success. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the licence.
- N17. NRW recommends that all Schedule 1 licensees submit their records to the BTO Nest Records Scheme, to ensure that their data contributes to the conservation of these species. Please see following link <http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/nrs>
Licensees should let us know in writing that they have submitted their records in this way, and include their NRS Observer Code to enable cross-checking of records