

**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:** 2016-25354-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:

<b>Name (in full):</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Company Name:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address:</b>	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>County:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Postcode:</b>	[REDACTED]

**Between the dates of:**

29 September 2016	and	14 October 2016	inclusive
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**At (locations):**

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	See detailed locations below

For the following species:

Species Common Name (Taxonomic Name)	Number	Activity	Method	Detailed Location including grid references
Common buzzard ( <i>Buteo buteo</i> )	A maximum of 4 individual birds	Kill or injure (while attempting to kill)	Shooting	[REDACTED]

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

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Date:

29 September 2016

(for and on behalf of Natural England)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. The maximum penalty available for an offence under this legislation is, at the time of the issue of this licence, an unlimited fine and/or a six month custodial sentence;</li> <li>• This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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## LICENCE CONDITIONS

### General 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 any reporting that 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.

#### Lethal Shooting:

- 7) Lethal shooting may only be undertaken within or immediately adjacent to (1) release pens stocked with pheasants or (2) cover crops containing partridge release pens, when released poults are of an age and size considered to be vulnerable to buzzard predation are present and only at the locations permitted under this licence (see detailed locations table).
- 8) Only buzzards observed flying into a pen or observed preying on pheasants may be lethally shot under this licence.
- 9) This licence does not permit the lethal shooting of buzzards in other circumstances, including:
  - A) Overflying buzzards
  - B) Buzzards that are feeding on placed baits or carrion.
- 10) Use an appropriate firearm to lethally shoot buzzard. Only shot or a bullet of appropriate size to cleanly and humanely kill a buzzard may be used.
- 11) Buzzards may only be shot when they are within range to achieve a clean kill with a single shot.
- 12) All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid unnecessary suffering of buzzards shot under this licence. Winged or injured birds must be pursued and humanely dispatched.

#### Non-lethal methods:

- 13) Licensed shooting is only permitted if carried out in conjunction with:
  - a) Active and ongoing deployment of a range of non-lethal scaring measures at each pen, including, for example: human presence, shooting to scare, hanging CD's from branches, reflective barrier tape and mannequins;
  - b) Ongoing habitat management to enhance the shelter and protection available to pheasants and to reduce predation opportunities (e.g. perches and flight lines) for avian predators and,
  - c) Management of other predator species within each pen and the surrounding area.
- 14) Non-lethal measures must comply with recognised best practice.

#### Reporting

- 15) You are required to inform Natural England of each bird shot under this licence within 3 days. The following information for each bird is to be provided via phone or e mail (telephone 0300 060 3900 or email ([wildlife@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:wildlife@naturalengland.org.uk)) quoting your licence number:

- Date and time shot, and
- Location shot.

16) Your final 'Report of action taken under licence' is due on or before 28 October 2016 irrespective of whether the licence has been used.

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.

17) Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result your licence being revoked and/or any future applications being refused.

## 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.  
This licence does not authorise the use of any form of trap to capture buzzards.
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](http://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, hanging CD's and reflective barrier tape).
9. Habitat management should be undertaken at the appropriate times of year and whilst this management is not necessarily within the control or gift of the licensee, the licensee should make the appropriate landowners/managers/tenants aware of the measures that are required to ensure habitats are suitable for their intended use as poult release sites and without which a licence would not be permitted.

\*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: N/A