

**Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)**

**LICENCE - 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:**

**2018-36055-SPM-WLM**

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

**Falconry or aviculture under section16(1)(e)**

to:

**Name (in full):**

**Company Name:**

**Address:**

**County:**

**Postcode:**

**Between the dates of:**

15 April 2020	and	15 April 2022	inclusive
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**At (locations):**

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
To be specified	All English Counties	Not Applicable

For the following species:

Species Common Name ( <i>Taxonomic Name</i> )	Number	Activity	Method	Detailed Location	OS Grid Reference
Peregrine falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	2	Possess a wild bird or egg (or any part)	By hand	N/A	N/A
Peregrine falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	up to 5 chicks	Disturb any wild bird (or dependant young) included in Schedule 1 when nesting	By hand	N/A	N/A
Peregrine falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	2	Take a wild bird for the purpose of falconry / aviculture	By hand	N/A	N/A

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

Signature:



Date:

15 April 2020

(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. These conditions apply to the licensee and any additional authorised person. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that any licensed operations/ activities comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.
2. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s), shown on the licence, may act under the authority of this licence. The licensee or any additional authorised person(s) may also employ assistants provided they work under the direct personal supervision of the licensee or authorised person.
3. Whilst engaged in activities permitted by this licence, the licensee and/or any additional authorised person(s), must have access to a copy of this licence and produce it to any police officer or any Natural England officer on demand.
4. 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.
5. No licensed activity shall be carried out under this licence on a National Nature Reserve or Marine Nature Reserve except with the prior written permission of Natural England.
6. 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.

Additional condition(s):

Please refer to attached Annex document

## NOTES

1. An additional authorised person is a suitably trained and experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the licensee. To carry out licensed activities their name will be on the licence. To comply with the licence conditions, additional licenced persons should have a copy of the licence accessible when acting under the licence.
2. An assistant is a person assisting the licensee or the additional authorised person(s). Assistants are only authorised to act under a licence whilst they are under the direct supervision of either the licensee or the additional authorised person(s).
3. The provisions of the Animal Welfare Act (2006) must be complied with at all times.
4. Note that further legal documents or consents (such as a Registration under Schedule 4 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or a CITES Certificate) may be required in order to operate under this licence or subsequently keep or breed a bird in captivity. For the avoidance of doubt, this licence does not constitute any additional consents that are required; or imply that they will be granted.

## Additional Authorised Individuals

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

Title	First Name	Surname	Address Line 1	Postcode
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## **Annex for Licence 2018-36055-SPM-WLM**

### **Additional conditions**

1. This licence permits the licensee and any authorised individuals to take only juvenile peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*) by hand, in specified counties in England. It permits up to two (2), one male and one female, juvenile peregrine falcon to be taken over the duration of the licence period.
2. This licence permits only the disturbance of juveniles (chicks) of peregrine falcon *Falco peregrinus*. For the avoidance of doubt, the disturbance of adult peregrine falcon is not permitted under this licence.
3. The licensee must ensure that all appropriate permissions are in place to undertake the licensed activities and that these are in place, as necessary, prior to the licensed activity commencing.
4. The survey and monitoring of nest sites and subsequent taking of chick(s) from a nest under this licence is to be undertaken in accordance with the procedures outlined in "Hardy et al. 2013. Raptors: a Field Guide for Surveys and Monitoring. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. SNH: Edinburgh"; unless otherwise permitted or contradicted by this licence or a condition of this licence. Where any contradiction occurs, this licence and its conditions shall take precedence over the methodology detailed in Hardy et al.'s (2013): 'Raptors: a Field Guide for Surveys and Monitoring'. Natural England shall be contacted where there is any doubt via email to: [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk).
5. No chicks shall be taken from the wild until Natural England has received, and approved in writing, notification that the breeding cooperative known as the 'British Peregrine Conservancy' has been established and its associated studbook created. Such notification shall include named members of the cooperative, signed declarations of members' adherence to the cooperative operating procedures and key information relating to the studbook and information to be contained therein.
6. Prior to any chick being taken from a nest location, the applicant shall provide to Natural England (send to: [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk)) information on potential nest sites where they are seeking to take peregrine falcon chick(s) from. Such information shall include the licence reference, specific location of the nest(s) (including eight figure grid reference in the format 'XY 1234 5678'), number of chicks thought to be present and whether any variation is required to the methodology outlined in Condition 10 in order to conduct the wild take at the nest location(s). A maximum of 3 nest sites are to be submitted to Natural England for consideration at any time. Written confirmation must be received from Natural England approving the taking of a chick from a particular nest site prior to the taking of any chick. Any further requirements specified under Natural England's approval of a nest site location must also be adhered to in full by the licence holder and any additional authorised persons operating under the licence. [*Note: Natural England is required to ensure designated sites will not be affected by the proposals. Natural England will endeavour to provide written confirmation within 10 working days of notification of a nest location.*]
7. Once a nest site is approved by Natural England for wild take (as per Condition 12), Natural England is to be provided with at least 5 days' notice prior to the proposed actual taking of a peregrine falcon chick from the nest (contact [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk)). Such notice shall include the specific location of the nest (including eight figure grid reference in the format 'XY 1234 5678'), names and contact details of persons involved, the number of chicks present and written evidence of the landowners' consent.

8. Adequate and appropriate food, liquids and materials shall be available on-site during the taking of any chick, to ensure its welfare.
9. A mute sample shall be sent to a qualified vet within 48 hours of the chick being taken to check for parasites. Any parasites identified shall be appropriately treated on advice from a qualified vet.
10. Any chicks taken shall be micro-chipped by a qualified vet when fully grown (and at most within 12 weeks of taking from the nest). At the time of microchipping, the vet shall also conduct a health check of the bird and blood shall be taken to test for any disease, as considered appropriate by the vet. Any disease identified shall be treated accordingly under advice from the vet and Natural England will be notified via [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk) within 72 hours of identification of any such disease.
11. No chicks shall be taken from nests within the following counties in England: Cumbria; Northumberland; North Yorkshire; and County Durham.
12. No chicks shall be removed from nests within, or within 10km of the boundary of, the North Pennine Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) (England).
13. No chicks shall be taken within, or within 10 km of the boundary of, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) where peregrine falcons are a notified feature.
14. Chicks are only to be taken from nests where there are three (3) or more live chicks present.
15. The first chick taken under this licence must be the smallest chick in the nest. The second chick taken under this licence must be taken from a different nest to the first chick and must be the smallest chick present of the gender required to meet licence Condition 7.
16. Chicks shall not be taken from the same nest location (or breeding pair territory) in successive years.
17. Natural England must be notified in writing (send to: [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk)) within 10 working days of any chick being taken from a nest, including the sex of the bird taken.
18. Natural England shall be notified within 10 working days of any change to the operating procedures of the cooperative, as submitted in response to Natural England's Further Information Request on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Notification shall be sent to: [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk).
19. Birds taken under this licence shall only be bred with other birds, of the same species and sub-species, and which are listed under the cooperative studbook. Such birds shall also be either directly taken from the wild in England. OR confirmed offspring of birds with a verifiably wild (native) lineage that does not include any breeding with non-native or hybrid species.
20. Natural England will be informed of any change of ownership of any birds taken under this licence within 5 (five) days of this occurring. Notification shall be sent to: [NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:NEWLSSpeciesTeam@naturalengland.org.uk).

## **Reporting**

21. A 'Report' by the licensee, of action taken under licence, must be completed twice each year even if no action is taken, and sent to [wildlife@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:wildlife@naturalengland.org.uk). The first Report shall arrive within six weeks of any chicks being taken and the second report shall arrive no later than 14 days (two weeks) after the anniversary of the licence being issued. This Report should include sufficient information about actions taken for Natural England to assess compliance with all licence conditions.

Failure to make reports may result in the licence being revoked and/or the refusal to grant subsequent licences.