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£4 could buy two electronic tags to monitor a pair of little owls  
£40 could support 40 more schoolchildren visiting one of our environmental education centres and learning why birds of prey are so special  
£80 could provide materials for four more nestboxes to help the declining kestrel  
£100 could help with a whole day's practical conservation work on one of our reserves or could go towards surveying, monitoring and providing nesting baskets for long-eared owls

These are examples of how your money could help us. If we raise more than our anniversary appeal target, we promise to use your gift to support our vital work wherever the need is greatest.

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## 40th Anniversary Appeal



Please help us meet our target of £40,000

40 years working for wild birds of prey and their habitats

Celebrate the Trust's 40th anniversary with a gift to help all our owls and other magnificent birds of prey continue to fly free in the wild. **With your backing we can do much more.**



The Trust was founded 40 years ago to help save birds like the **peregrine**, devastated by the effects of DDT in the food chain.

### So much achieved...

Since then we have gone on to:

- Spearhead the campaign to save the **barn owl**, create habitat and put up nestboxes
- Help protect the UK's last **red kites** so that, against all odds, they managed to hang on
- Advise farmers how to attract owls and other special birds back on to their land
- Create reserves as havens for birds of prey - and the web of life on which they depend

Today **peregrines** are expanding into towns, and **red kites** soar over England and Scotland. **Barn owl** numbers have stabilised – although four out of five pairs now depend on nestboxes.

### ...so much still to do

Owls and other birds of prey continue to face deadly threats – from outright persecution to drastic loss of habitat and nest sites. Thirteen of the UK's 20 species are of particular conservation importance, including two listed in the highest category as needing urgent action.

That's why the Trust team, dedicated to ensuring all these birds have a future, needs your backing for vital conservation, research and education work.

Our target is to raise £40,000 this anniversary year. The Trust has high



hopes of raising £20,000 through grants and sponsorships. Now we are looking to you to help us raise the rest – £20,000 that will make such a difference.

### Giving these birds a future

Alarming, the once-familiar **kestrel** is now thought to be declining. To tackle this, the Trust has begun installing nestboxes near selected roads across the country. But we need to do more.

Nestboxes are also crucial for **barn, tawny and little owls**. So too are baskets for

**long-eared owls**. We are harnessing community enthusiasm to discover more about this secretive owl and plan the best ways to sustain it. We are also backing research into why the enchanting **little owl** is declining. Please help us to continue this work.



### Vital habitats

Award-winning Sculthorpe Moor in Norfolk is now a refuge for breeding **marsh harriers**. But we need to develop this very special wildlife reserve. Just to maintain an acre of reedbed takes £400.

And we also need help for our other exciting reserves.

Transformation of Shapwick Moor from intensively farmed land into a significant reserve on the Somerset Levels is still in its early stages.

Additional work is needed to restore neglected ditches and increase the amount of open water so that the aerobatic **hobby** is a more regular sight there.

Fylingdales Moor, North Yorkshire, is vital for the UK's smallest falcon, the **merlin**. We're also managing this vast wild area for the **short-eared owl** and other fantastic birds. Now we need to improve access with a special, informative trail, introducing more people to the wonderful wildlife – and getting them on-side for birds of prey generally.



### Getting the message across

Introducing more children – as well as adults – to the excitement of hawks and owls is essential if birds of prey are to flourish in the wild. Our education team does just that, and we need your backing to continue and expand this work.



### Donate now

Forty years on, these are just some of the challenges facing the Trust.

Help us meet these challenges. Let's give everyone the chance to thrill to the fantastic birds of prey we are all so passionate about.

Thank you.



The cover shows marsh harrier, tawny owl and short-eared owl...

...special birds the Trust is striving to safeguard for the next 40 years