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OR call our office 0844 984 2824 and give us your details over the phone, or join online at www.hawkandowl.org

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The amounts in brackets are the minimum rates. Please give more if you can.

Annual payment

Individual (£20) £ Joint* (£24) £

*Two adults at the same address

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I am over 16 and happy to be contacted by email. My email address is: _____

I enclose a cheque payable to Hawk and Owl Trust for £ _____

I cannot join today but wish to make a donation of £ _____

Please debit Mastercard Visa Visa Delta Switch/Maestro

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Signature _____ Date _____

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I wish the Hawk and Owl Trust (Charity No.1058565) to reclaim the tax through Gift Aid on all subscriptions and donations I have made in the last six years, and all subscriptions and donations I make hereafter.
(Important: You must be a UK taxpayer and pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your subscription/donation)

Details of membership are kept on our database and are used solely to further the work of the Hawk and Owl Trust. It is our policy that your details will not be sold to anyone else.

Please return this form to: Hawk and Owl Trust,
PO Box 400, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton TA4 3WH **Thank you**

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HAWK AND OWL TRUST

- Manages three nature reserves in Norfolk, Somerset and Yorkshire
- Offers advice on land management to farmers and other landowners to create a better future for all birds of prey
- Carries out research projects to improve understanding of these special birds
- Encourages everyone to enjoy and appreciate not only birds of prey but the whole web of life on which they depend
- Provides innovative opportunities for young people to experience wildlife for real
- Harnesses the enthusiasm of volunteers to help safeguard owls and other birds of prey

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Shapwick Moor Nature Reserve

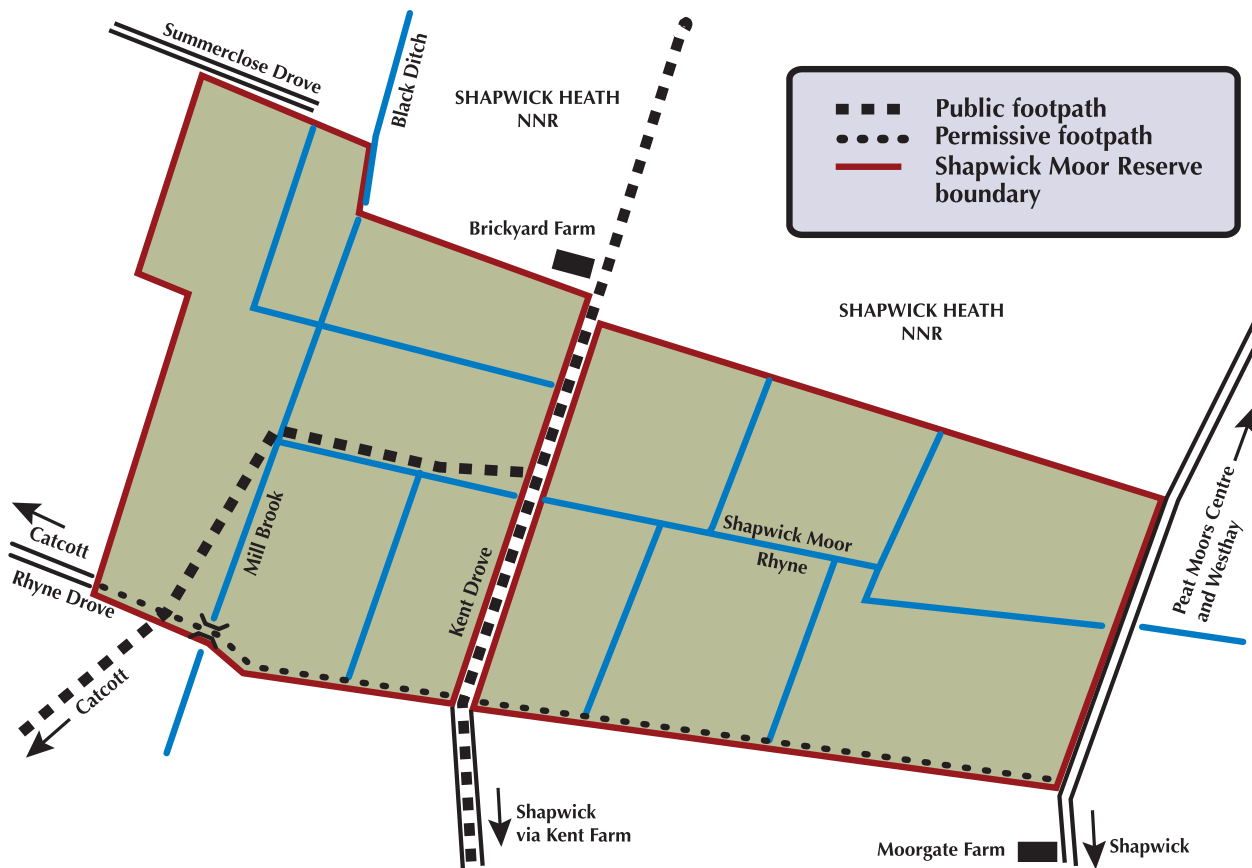


Somerset Levels

Working for wild birds of prey and their habitats

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SHAPWICK MOOR NATURE RESERVE



Shapwick Moor Nature Reserve was acquired by the Hawk and Owl Trust in 2007. It forms part of the larger network of reserves managed specially for nature conservation known as the Avalon Marshes which lies within the Somerset Levels, the largest lowland wetland remaining in the UK.

The 55 hectares (134 acres), which were used to grow a variety of arable crops, are now being restored to flower-rich, semi-natural grassland through Natural England's Environmental Stewardship Scheme.

One field in the far north-western corner is being restored to fen. Rough grass margins along the southern boundary will encourage owls and other birds of prey and the small mammals they feed on.

Birds of prey are excellent indicators of a healthy environment. As well as barn owl, kestrel and buzzard, and hobby in the summer, we hope a wide range of other wildlife will be attracted to the reserve including snipe, lapwing and other wetland birds, brown hare, water vole, otter and a variety of dragonflies and other insects.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

Spring/summer: Hobbies hunting dragonflies. Reed bunting and Cetti's warbler in the reeds. Waders on passage.

Autumn/winter: Flocks of finches. Snipe, shoveler and gadwall. Peregrine and harriers may fly over.

All the year: Buzzard and kestrel overhead.

Sparrowhawk hunting the hedgerows. Kingfisher along the main rhyne and lapwing on the flooded fields. Roe deer, brown hare, badger water vole and otter.

How to get to the reserve:

From the A39 between Bridgwater and Glastonbury turn north, signposted Shapwick, on to minor road, straight over crossroads and through Shapwick village, turn left at 'T' junction following signs for 'Peat Moors Centre' (where there are toilets and parking).

The reserve (OS ST 417401) is about halfway between the centre and Shapwick village.

Cycle: NCN3 passes through the village.

Train/bus: Train to Bridgwater, First 375 bus Bridgwater to Glastonbury/Wells stops in the village.

Open: Throughout the year. Access only along the public footpaths and the permissive path (closed Christmas Day).



Buzzard



Lapwing



Water vole

Photos: David Hall, Darin Smith, Chris Sperring