

June 2026 meeting – “Owls” by Stephanie Callister-Jarrold of “Owls and Birds of Prey Rescue”

Our June speaker was Stephanie Callister-Jarrold, a truly remarkable lady, who founded and has been running “Owls and Birds of Prey Rescue”, for about 10 years. The charity, based in Gestingthorpe, is dedicated to looking after injured and orphaned owls and birds of prey, nursing them back to health, then releasing them back into the wild, whenever possible.

Stephanie's subject was “Owls” and she illustrated her talk with some amazing owl photographs, illustrating the many stages of recovery from near-death to release. There are five species of indigenous owls in the UK: Barn Owls, Tawny Owls, Little Owls, Short Eared Owls, (which are on the amber list for endangered species), and Long Eared Owls. Stephanie rings all of the injured owls prior to release so they can be identified and traced in the future.

It is worth having a look at Stephanie's website, <https://owlsandbirdsofpreyrescue.co.uk>, to see some of the captivating photographs documenting the recovery of these remarkable birds. The website also includes a blog, which documents progress of the many rescues underway at any one time. Well worth a look.