



(Press release issued on behalf of Scottish Land & Estates)

SPORTING ESTATES SALUTE WORK TO HELP HEN HARRIERS

Following publication today (Friday September 14) of updated data on Heads Up For Harriers, a Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime Scotland (PAW) Scotland project, led by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Land & Estates - which represents some of the participating estates - issued the following statement:

Tim Baynes, director of the Scottish Moorland Group, part of Scottish Land & Estates, said:

“As project partners, we’re delighted that the Heads Up for Harriers project has once again recorded an encouraging number of fledged chicks and has shone a light on the natural problems that harriers face, such as nest failure and predation by other species.

“This project is producing insights which we hope will help the harrier population flourish and an increasing number of sporting estates support its development. The number of participating estates has risen again - from 21 in 2017 to 27 in 2018, who are keen to understand how to combine harrier conservation alongside grouse moor management. This has resulted in an increase in the number of nests being monitored.

Understanding of the species is being improved largely due to great work by the project field workers who have operated the cameras in collaboration with estates throughout the season, and captured these incidents on film.”

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