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PRESS RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NORWICH CATHEDRAL PEREGRINES WATCHPOINT FOR 2014

Conservation charity the Hawk and Owl Trust is once again looking for volunteers to help at their 2014 Norwich Cathedral Peregrines Watch Point. They need help to run the Watch Point in Cathedral Close, Norwich and to talk to the thousands of visitors that come to see Norwich's feathered superstars.

Last year the peregrines raised four chicks on the special platform installed by the Hawk and Owl Trust 85 metres up on the spire of the Cathedral. The two youngsters which survived after leaving the platform have become independent now and left their parents territory but the adult birds can still be seen regularly, defending their territory and the nesting platform.

The Trust has high hopes that the peregrines will breed again this spring and is preparing for another busy season when thousands of visitors come to look through telescopes and speak to volunteers. 31,000 people visited in 2013. It is hoped that the Watch Point will run throughout the breeding season and so the Trust is looking for lots of volunteers to help between March and June. Whether you can spare a day a week or a morning a month the Trust would love to hear from you.

Peregrine Project Coordinator, Leanne Thomas said:

'People from Norwich have taken these wonderful birds to their hearts. The volunteer support that they have shown in previous years has been incredible, helping us share the birds with visitors from all over the world'.



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Volunteers need to be good communicators who are happy to talk to visitors of all ages and abilities. Anyone who is interested in getting involved as a volunteer should contact the Hawk and Owl Trust at their Sculthorpe Moor Nature Reserve near Fakenham on the phone number or email address below. You can also sign up online via the link.

Website: www.upp.hawkandowl.org/norwich-peregrines/volunteer-for-norwich-cathedral-project/

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Hawk and Owl Trust

Founded in 1969 to help save the peregrine, the Hawk and Owl Trust is a national charity which now works for the conservation and appreciation of all wild birds of prey and their habitats – both in its nature reserves (such as Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve near Fakenham) and in partnership with others. Working with communities and other organisations, farmers, foresters and landowners, the Trust researches, restores and manages nesting, roosting and feeding habitats and encourages greater understanding and appreciation of these very special birds.
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