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Press release

First Peregrine Falcon Fledgling Flies the Nest at Norwich Cathedral

The first peregrine chick to fledge the Hawk and Owl Trust nest platform at Norwich Cathedral this year took the plunge at precisely 04.42 on Friday 6 June. Interestingly, this is the same first fledging date as last year (fledging dates 2013: 6 June, 7 June, 7 June, 9 June).



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Hawk and Owl Trust Webcam Coordinator David Gittens commented:

'After a period of exuberance and running round the box flapping its wings like crazy, our chick jumps up on to the ledge and tips off, turns in the air and flies off strongly I am delighted to report. We anticipate that the other birds will not be far behind. They have remained in the nest for a few days longer this year so are a bit more advanced and prepared for first flight'

The fledgling headed for the safety of a perch on the Bell Tower of the Cathedral and will await the arrival of the parent birds with breakfast!

The Watch Point at Norwich Cathedral is open seven days a week from 10am and now that the young birds are starting to fly it is a really exciting time to go to see them. It is possible that all six birds could be seen in the sky at the same time as the parent birds teach their offspring flying skills and how to catch prey.

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Notes to Editors

Video clip of fledging event: [EO9MAHxiT1g](#)

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High resolution images attached.

All picture credits: Hawk and Owl Trust

High Resolution images and TV quality footage available on request

Interviews available by telephone or at the Norwich Cathedral Watchpoint - please contact:

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Hawk and Owl Trust

Founded in 1969 to help save the peregrine, in serious decline due to the effects of pesticides and persecution, 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 on its nature reserves such as Sculthorpe Moor Community Nature Reserve in Norfolk, 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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Sponsors

The Cathedral Peregrines project has been generously supported by hosts Norwich Cathedral; Viking Opticals, I-Catcher Systems, M & A Partners, Syngenta Ltd, WildSounds and WiSpire by FreeClix and Swallowtail Printers of Norwich.

Partnership with Norwich Castle

This year we have partnered with **Norwich Castle Museum** and are showing video clips and live images straight from the Cathedral nest cameras on a large screen in the Castle's entrance hall. This features as part of their 'Wonder of Birds' exhibition, which runs from 24 May through to the end of September. See www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk for more information. The Cathedral Peregrine Watch Point is only a short stroll from the Castle so visitors can easily visit both sites. Our thanks to all at the Cathedral and the Castle,

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and particularly FreeClix/WiSpire who have helped get the wireless link set up between these two historic buildings enabling us to stream the images for this prestigious exhibition. The Castle screen is now live.

You can also 'Like' our FaceBook page if you want to be kept up to date with what's going on with the Cathedral peregrine family and see the latest video clips. We also regularly 'Tweet' the action using [@hawkandowluk](https://twitter.com/hawkandowluk) and [#nrperegrines](https://twitter.com/nrperegrines).

Better still, why not pop down to the Cathedral Watch Point where our team can give you the latest information and you can see the birds live. Our Peregrine Watch Point Officers, Carrie, Nick and Jan are back with us for another season – and would be delighted to see you. More than that, the sight and sounds of peregrines screaming overhead is a wonderful experience. Bring the kids as it's a great opportunity to get them close to nature - and to see the fastest bird on earth!

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