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2016 End of Year Statement from the Trustees of the Hawk and Owl Trust

- The Hawk and Owl Trust is a practical conservation charity dedicated to working for wild birds of prey and their habitats.
- The Hawk and Owl Trust totally condemns the illegal killing of any bird of prey by anyone, anywhere and fully support the prosecution of any individuals involved.
- The Hawk and Owl Trust has a long, successful and proud history of working constructively with those who manage land and habitats on which birds of prey depend.
- The Trust supports DEFRA's Six Point Hen Harrier Recovery Action Plan, but the Trustees are very disappointed that this has still to be implemented.
- The Trust considers there is an urgent need for a robust trial of the Hen Harrier Brood Management Scheme to test whether this approach will deliver breeding harriers on grouse moors and an end to illegal killing.
- If the trial proves ineffective then The Trust will join calls for a more hard-line approach.
- The Hawk and Owl Trust is very concerned that Defra has issued buzzard control licences in the absence of any independent evidence of serious impact.
- The Hawk and Owl Trust believes that the lethal control of buzzards is unwarranted. We request an end to current licencing and we call for research that examines the impact of buzzards on pheasant shooting.

Working to conserve wild birds of prey and their habitats

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