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**At: 65 Lower Fold,
Marple Bridge,
Stockport,
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Improving habitat

We take every opportunity to inform farmers and landowners of the importance of maintaining suitable habitat, as well as providing nesting and roosting sites, in order to encourage wild Barn Owls.

Education

We give talks to groups and societies to raise awareness of the plight of the Barn Owl and the effect of everyday human activities on their habitat. If you would like the Pennine Edge Barn Owl Group to give a presentation to your group, please contact us.

Information

We attend local agricultural shows and community events where we provide information covering all aspects of Barn Owl conservation and offer Barn Owl related activities for children.

All of our information is free of charge.

Sightings

If you think that you have seen a Barn Owl please let us know the following details.

The date & time

Where seen- preferably the Grid Ref.

Description of what you saw or heard

Your phone no. for further discussion

Communication and Co-operation

The Pennine Edge Barn Owl Group is a member of the Barn Owl Trust and where necessary we will obtain their expert advice and information.

We will work with organisations and individuals locally and nationally to encourage the conservation of Barn Owls and their habitat.



Seen any Barn Owls recently?



The Pennine Edge Barn Owl Group

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Website: www.pebog.org.uk
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About Barn Owls

The barn owl is an elegant looking bird with a distinctive heart shaped face and relatively small black eyes. It has a white breast with golden plumage to the back and head. It is the only owl that appears white when in flight.

Barn owls are nocturnal but can occasionally be seen in the early morning and late afternoon. They do not hoot like Tawny owls. Instead they have a variety of calls that sound more like screeches and snoring.



Barn owls need extensive areas of rough tussocky grassland in the form of whole fields or field margins. This habitat is preferred by their favourite food source, the short-tailed vole. 95% of a barn owl diet is small mammals such as voles, mice and shrews. The owl eats its prey whole and disposes of the indigestible bones and fur in a pellet.

The barn owl is afforded special protection under the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 and has as much legal protection as any wild bird can have in Britain. Individual birds, their eggs and young are protected at all times and nesting barn owls are protected against disturbance.

Why has the Barn Owl population declined?

The barn owl is the most widely distributed owl in the world but sadly under threat in the UK where the population has declined by over 70% in the last 50 years. The barn owl was considered to be very common during the 19th century but has declined to such an extent that it is now a rare bird over much of Britain.

To a large extent, Britain's Barn Owl population has become dependant on the provision and maintenance of nest boxes due to the lack of more natural sites. Nest and roost sites are lost through a wide variety of causes including the general deterioration of traditional farm buildings, unsympathetic barn conversions, and loss of hollow trees due to Dutch Elm disease and the general 'tidying up' of the countryside.

What are we doing?

The provision of nest boxes for use by Barn Owls is believed to be one of the most important conservation measures and one of the easiest to implement. Across the UK, a wide range of organisations and individuals have erected well over 25,500 Barn Owl nest boxes.

How you can help

You can help to conserve the Barn Owl by becoming a member of the Peninne Edge Barn Owl Group (PEBOG) If you are a taxpayer and complete a simple Gift Aid declaration we can reclaim the tax paid on your donation and significantly increase the value of your gift at no extra cost to you

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Method of payment

Cheques made payable to Pennine Edge Barn Owl Group

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone No _____

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I would like to know more about the Pennine Edge Barn Owl Group and enclose a large stamped addressed envelope.

Please tick the relevant boxes:

- Barn Owl Boxes
- PEBOG newsletter
- Educational resources
- Site Assessment Service