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## Press Release

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A photo of the osprey that died of its injuries, credit Derbyshire Raptor Monitoring Group

## Derbyshire Wildlife Trust condemns the killing of an osprey in North Derbyshire



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An osprey has been found dead in the Peak District National Park near Glossop, Derbyshire.

The bird, discovered on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015, had injuries consistent with being caught in a spring trap – a worrying development for birds of prey in our county.

Ospreys are large migratory birds that travel from Africa to breed in the UK. They are rare in Derbyshire but occasionally pass over whilst migrating.

Tim Birch, Head of Advocacy and Conservation Strategy at Derbyshire Wildlife Trust said, “This is the latest in a long list of crimes against birds of prey in Derbyshire. With breeding season just around the corner we are worried about what spring will bring. This latest killing highlights the threat that birds of prey are facing here. We need the public to be vigilant in the coming months and report any suspicious activity to Derbyshire Constabulary.”

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has been working closely with organisations such as Derbyshire Constabulary and RSPB to reduce this type of crime. But despite the efforts of these organisations the persecution of birds of prey continues. Two weeks after the discovery of the osprey, a buzzard was found shot dead close to Hurst Reservoir, only a short distance away. This comes after the male peregrine that was shot and found dead at Derbyshire Wildlife Trust’s headquarters last year.

The Trust is appealing for anyone with information to come forward and RSPB are offering a reward of £1000 for information that leads to a conviction. Please contact Derbyshire Constabulary immediately on 101 or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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## Editors' Notes

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, a Registered Charity, is the only organisation working to protect all wildlife across the county. We are one of 47 in The Wildlife Trusts Partnership, a nationwide network of local trusts. We manage 43 nature reserves throughout Derbyshire, advise local authorities and landowners on nature conservation issues and run a range of conservation and education projects.

We are committed to The Wildlife Trusts' strategy of creating Living Landscapes – robust, connected landscapes that address the challenges facing our wildlife and countryside.

Find out more at [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)

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