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case study

Aylesbury Vale Barn Owl Project

LCF funding - **£19,500** through WREN



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summary

Populations of the barn owl are decreasing throughout the countryside partly due to reduced feeding opportunities and a reduction in suitable nesting sites. As a result of this the barn owl conservation project formed to help save this important species.

The barn owl conservation project has helped to create opportunities for the feeding, breeding and roosting of the declining barn owl population.

The project is mostly run by volunteers and helped by farmers and landowners. Prisoners at HMP Spring Hill have also been making the boxes for three years and demonstrates how many corners of the community are involved in the conservation.

The project qualified under Object DA - to conserve biodiversity (either a species or habitat) at a site or in water.

objectives

- To increase numbers of the declining barn owl;
- To make, erect and monitor nesting boxes; and
- To bring together members of the local community by spreading the message of biodiversity.



outcomes

The barn owl project aims to have approximately 200 nesting boxes in place across Aylesbury Vale over the next three years, in discussion and working with local landowners.

The relationship with local landowners is key to the project being a success, by discussing the project and asking them to allow boxes on their land, it promotes community working as well as the important message of improving biodiversity.

WREN have made it possible for a project manager, Dave Short to be employed, to ensure the project can grow and have a dedicated resource, and as you can see from the images supplied he certainly enjoys his job!

additional info

WREN is a not-for-profit company which awards grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK as part of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

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