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*The Baby Season
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Think Nesting Birds Urges WRAS!

WRAS is asking anyone thinking of cutting down trees or bushes to think about nesting birds at this time of year.

The winter storms have caused many people to question whether they want to live so close to trees and many dangerous or damaged trees are being felled too. "I have seen so many trees cut down recently and sadly, despite the best efforts of many tree surgeons to avoid cutting trees down which have nesting birds in, many are just not seen till after the youngsters are found on the ground now orphaned" said Trevor Weeks MBE, founder of WRAS.

All nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, and despite there being a general licence for a limited number of birds to be removed under a very limited series of circumstances, the majority of nests must be left undisturbed until after the young have fledged, be that a nesting feral pigeon, gull or nesting Sparrowhawk or Blackbird. "We often get asked when are birds nesting, and when is it safe to cut down trees? This is very difficult to answer and the seasons change so much. Generally the winter is the best time to avoid nesting birds. However Crossbills will nest during the winter as will collared doves. The temperature dictates when most birds will nest and the current warm weather is seeing many birds now nesting as a result. WRAS has already had baby pigeons, doves and blackbirds come into care, some of which have come in via tree surgeons cutting trees down" said WRAS Casualty Centre Manager Lindsay Redfern.

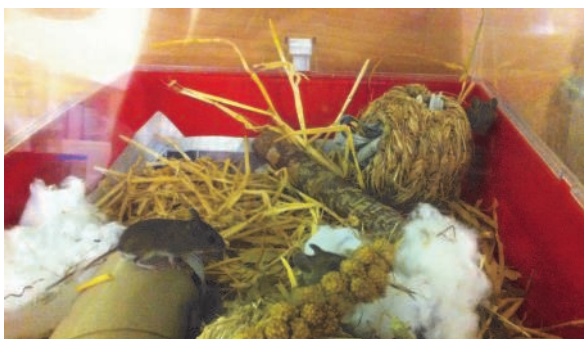
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Three Blind Mice!

Well it was actually four when they were first found but sadly one died. They were all very small pink and their eye were not open when first rescued. They were hand reared by WRAS carer Nikki Upton and really enjoyed their time exploring before being released back to the wild close to where found.



New Newsletter Format saves funds!

A while ago we contacted a number of supporters about our newsletters and many mentioned they would like to see a colour newsletter. Cost has been our biggest concern, but luckily we have found a new online print company which is able to offer us cheaper printing, better paper, and a colour front cover and still save WRAS over £300 per newsletter print run.



WRAS starts Microchipping Hedgehogs.

This winter saw WRAS start to Microchip hedgehogs which came into care. The chipping helps in two ways. The first is to ensure we can accurately identify who is who and ensure they are released back at the right location, but also as part of a study being undertaken by WRAS to look at re-visiting

hedgehogs and their survival after release.

"We know that the data is going to be limited but we hope that with the volume of hedgehogs we should be able to chip the more information we are likely to get back" explained Trevor Weeks.

Often we get reports of hedgehogs re-visiting gardens and returning to release sites or staying around gardens after release which is contrary to what some release studies show. WRAS wants to prove whether it is these same hedgehogs staying around and being seen for several years after release or not. Other information is likely to come out of this study including how long some of the hedgehogs are surviving after release. WRAS will be asking veterinary practices in the area to scan any hedgehogs that come into their centres, our ambulances will be scanning any dead hedgehogs seen at the side of roads, and scanners will periodically be used at release sites to scan any hedgehogs visiting feeding stations.

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Finding Orphaned Mammals

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by WRAS Casualty Centre Manager Lindsay Redfern BSc (Hons)

Orphaned animals are a common occurrence in rescue centres throughout spring and summer. It is not unusual for many animals to leave their babies for short or even extended periods of time, so it is not always clear whether or not a young mammal has been abandoned.

Young mammals will usually be well covered and silent to avoid attracting predators. If you find a baby mammal out in the open and making a lot of noise, then it is likely that it is in distress and will need hand rearing. Always contact a rescue centre to confirm this before moving or handling the young though, as in some cases it may be possible to return them to their nest. If you disturb a nest accidentally and uncover some young mammals, where possible, always return the nest to how it was when it was found and monitor the situation. More often than not the parents will return and move the young elsewhere.



Fox cubs appear to cause the most concern to the public. It is not unusual for cubs from about a month old to stray from the den and explore their surroundings. Younger cubs will sometimes explore the area immediately around their earth and even sunbathe too. Unless they are in immediate danger, monitor the cubs for injuries or ill health which may require treatment. If healthy however, the vixen should return to care for or move the cubs elsewhere that evening. If this is not the case, contact a rescue centre for advice.

So far this year at WRAS we have had a huge problem with tree surgery and the destruction of nest sites. We have received multiple young squirrels - some only a few days old – which have come in to care after the tree containing their drey had been cut down. Cat attacks are also a common cause of injury to baby rabbits and rodents. These animals are particularly difficult to rear, but we are left with few options as even the smallest wound from a cat can prove fatal due to the amount of bacteria they carry in their mouths requiring the victim to receive antibiotics. Any baby mammals which are ill or injured will need to be rescued and may need medication, so always contact a rescue centre for advice before releasing, even if they seem lively and active, as they may deteriorate without treatment.

If you do come across an orphaned or injured baby mammal which requires rearing (following discussion with a rescue centre) the best thing to do is to place the animal into a box somewhere dark, quiet and warm until it can be collected or taken to a carer. Never attempt to rear a young mammal if you are inexperienced. They are EXTREMELY difficult to hand rear, even for the most experienced, and attempting to do so incorrectly will likely prove fatal.



Swan tackled at Ditchling Common.

Visitors to Ditchling Common called out WRAS after noticing some fishing line attached to the swan's neck. Rescuers Tony and Murrae attended on site and after an amazing effort managed to catch the swan and bring it into care.

On assessment a small barb-less hook was found caught on the surface of the swan's neck. After some pain relief the hook was cut in two and gently removed without the need for any surgery. The line was unwrapped from the swan's body and after 48 hours of assessment in care the swan was taken back and released back on the pond to be with its partner.

WRAS has been called out numerous times to Ditchling Pond and has had numerous problems with swans caught in fishing line and being attacked by dogs. On one occasion when WRAS rescuers were dealing with an injured swan a lady was seen to encourage her dog to chase after the ducks and jump in the water after them. Rescuers had to threaten to call the police if she didn't get her dog under control.

Most anglers are responsible but there are some out there that spoil it for everyone else. WRAS also believes that dog owners should keep their dog on a lead if they can't keep control when they are off the lead.

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WRAS Events 2014.

10th May - Plumpton College Open Day. 10am till 5pm.

24th May - "Walk on the Wild Side" Sponsored Walk in aid of WRAS. £5 to enter and picnic lunch at the end. Walking from Bell Tout Light house to Hollywell. Starting 11.30am. Contact Lindsay on 01825-873003 for more information or to take part.

5th, 6th, 7th June—South of England Show. WRAS's new Ambulance will be on display along with an educational stand for the three-day event.

9th August - Princes Park, Fun Day. Princes Park Eastbourne. 10am till 4pm.

16th August - WRAS's Unusual Quiz Night , East Dean Village Hall. Tickets £10 each.

6th September - WRAS Bingo Night at Hailsham Civic Community Centre. 6pm till 11pm.

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1st November - WRAS's Unusual Quiz Night, East Dean Village Hall. Tickets £10 each.

For more information on any of these events please contact Lindsay on lindsay@eastsussexwras.org.uk or 01825-873003.

Do you remember little Izzy?

Izzy the hedgehog was rescued in early Autumn last year after being found with a Christmas bauble attached to her body. If you remember she had to be rushed to the vets for an anaesthetic to have the string of the bauble removed after it had become embedded in her body. The bauble must have become stuck round her body when a baby and as she grew it became tighter and tighter.

Her injuries recovered well but she did not put on enough weight to be released before winter. She stayed at WRAS but in mid November she decided to try and hibernate despite being inside and in the warm. This is the third hedgehog we have experienced in the past few years which has tried to do this. They lose a few grams per day like they would if they were hibernating in the wild in the cold. Her weight reduced from just over 500grams down to just under 350grams which was becoming more and more of a worry, but amazingly out of the blue in January she suddenly woke up and within 2 weeks was back up to over 500 grams again. Just after Easter she was returned to Isfield and released near the Laughing Fish Pub where she had been found. Izzy has cost WRAS approximately £606.18 in food, medication and care.



This Razorbill was found on a pavement next to Corsica Hall in Seaford on 12th February.



Stormy weather blows seabirds inland.

The exceptional mild but stormy weather during December, January and February was a double-edged sword for our wildlife. On one hand the mild weather kept wildlife casualties to a minimum with WRAS having one of the quietest winters for about 5 years. On the other hand the stormy winds and rain caused a number of seabirds to get blown ashore with some even colliding with windows on houses on the seafront. The number of oiled seabirds this winter has been up on previous years for WRAS, and most of these have been taken to the RSPCA Mallydams Centre at Hastings where they have special facilities for look after such casualties.



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Easter Monday WRAS saw its new sponsored cages installed upstairs in Casualty Room 3. The bank of cages is a slightly different configuration to what was originally planned but fits in really well. They are a good quality and will make a big difference from the previous pet carriers and racking which was used temporarily. WRAS would like to thank all its donors who sponsored cages or made a donation towards the cages. The wildlife really appreciate their new homes.



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WRAS's Baby Birds Seasons Warning.

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WRAS feels it is a shame so many trees are being cut down, and most of the felling, like at Oakwood Drive in Uckfield back in April, is as a result of trees not being managed and maintained over the years. "If we want to live in enriched areas and have trees



or bushes present to enlighten our living environment, rather than being surrounded by concrete, then trees and bushes have to be maintained be it in public space or on private land. We would urge people to contact a tree surgeon and seek advice about long term maintenance, rather than just leave them till a problem occurs" said Trevor.

WRAS is urging people not to make any rash decisions to cut trees down as a result of the stormy weather this winter, but to seek advice about the safety of the tree first.



"Please think about nesting birds at the moment too, and avoid cutting trees, especially evergreen trees, down at this time of year which are more likely to have nests in at the moment as other deciduous trees won't have many leaves yet and therefore be too exposed for birds to nest in. Please also remember that intentionally disturbing nesting birds is also an offence" said Trevor.

"It's really sad as we are often called by people cutting trees down and asked to take on the orphans, but rarely are our costs covered in these situations by those responsible for the trees being felled."

The cost of WRAS rearing an orphaned bird from a tree varies depending on the species and age, and can range from as little as £10 and up to more than £75 per bird. If you can help WRAS please make a donation online t .wildlifeambulance.org or via 01825-873003.

Ightham Mote Ducklings.

We had a phone call from one of our supporters after some ducklings were seen without their mum in the walled moat of the National Trust property, Ightham Mote, near Sevenoaks. The local wildlife rescue were rather busy and unavailable. Trevor Weeks and Kathy Martyn drove for an hour to attend on site. Talking to the grounds staff their mum had not been seen since the previous morning. Trevor rang the Swan Sanctuary to talk the situation over and they confirmed that young ducklings should not be left on the water on their own overnight. As the ducklings could not get out of the water it was agreed that a rescue was required.

At first the ducklings stayed out of reach at the base of the house. Numerous people came up to us suggesting we needed a boat, but what people don't realise is that boats in these occasions can make the situation worse causing the ducklings to panic and scatter. If you are not careful boats can cause serious injury or even drown ducklings when working against walls or pontoons. As boats can be difficult to control in these situations we only use them as a last resort. Patience is a virtue, and waiting and choosing the right moment is always best. Rescues like these are not emergency situations and you have a few hours to play with, so picking and choosing the right moment is always best and far less stressful for the ducklings too.

Eventually all six ducklings were caught using the net just three times. The first one was caught against the wall of the stone bridge to the house. Three more were cornered at the far end of the bridge, and the remaining two round the opposite site of the house against the exit stone bridge from the house. You can see a video of one of the captures and some photos on our You Tube page at <http://youtu.be/Cg-tR8ku9pc>. The ducklings are now at WRAS's Casualty Centre tucking in to greens and chick crumb and we will start them on duck weed this week.



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Module 1: First Aid Principles.

Module 2: Vital Signs and how to assist an injured animal.

Module 3: Treating an injury

Module 4: Hygiene & Health

Module 5: First Aid Kit Essentials

Module 6: Wildlife Care and Rescue Centre.

More information about this course as well as others go to:

www.animal-job.co.uk/wildlife-rescue-course.html



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Trevor with his Diploma Certificate

WRAS joins forces with the Animal Careers College.

Over the past 6 months many of the key staff and volunteers from East Sussex WRAS have been undertaking a Diploma course in Wildlife First Aid and Rehabilitation. It was decided that with so much knowledge within the charity it was a shame not to have any qualifications in the work we do. So WRAS approached the Animal Careers College and enrolled several people on their course. Trevor Weeks and new Assistant Manager Chris Riddington have now passed their courses and Kathy, Murrae and Dave are very close to completing theirs too. Lindsay Redfern, one of WRAS's Casualty Centre Managers, already has achieved a Higher National Diploma in Applied Animal Science and a Degree in Animal Science. All our main carers have now completed the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and Vale Wildlife Rescue's joint Hedgehog Basic First Aid, Care and Rehabilitation 1 day course. Several of our rescuers have been trained as Marine Mammal Medics to deal with seal and dolphin rescues as well as WRAS's Trevor Weeks being a trained Advance Marine Mammal Medic. Last autumn five WRAS volunteers also undertook the four day Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency Cage Trapping and Vaccination of Badgers Course to become qualified Lay Vaccinators.

WRAS is always keen to keep its skills up-to-date and current and is constantly liaising with other established wildlife rescue centres over rescue, treatment, care and release of wildlife casualties to ensure the best possible care is given to our local wildlife.

WRAS is now working with the Animal Careers College to help support other students in their studies in animal care. To find out more visit: www.animal-job.co.uk/wildlife-rescue-course.html

Maintain Netting Plea say Fire Service & WRAS!

Every year thousands of birds and animals are injured when they become trapped in netting and East Sussex Fire & Rescuer Service are urging local residents to be aware of the potential dangers of disregarded netting.

Crews have been called to two recent operational incidents involving birds who have become trapped in netting, prompting a reminder to the public that if you have netting on or near your premise, it needs to be maintained, repaired or removed safely.

Netting should always be disposed of carefully as animals are very easily trapped when it is left lying on the ground and birds are very vulnerable to becoming caught in netting that is left on top or the side of buildings.

Trevor Weeks MBE said "Once a bird is caught and the owner of the building is made aware, then the bird is classed as captive and the Animal Welfare Act comes into force. As a result, you could be committing an offence.

Netting can be a very efficient way of stopping birds gaining access or preventing roosting but frequently we see the wrong size netting being used, or netting that is badly erected or not maintained. This is a real hazard to wildlife and birds."

Mark O'Brien, Acting Director of Response and Resilience said " Property owners have a duty of care to prevent such incidents from happening. If you have netting on your property, please ensure any damage is quickly repaired and regular checks are performed to reduce the risk to wildlife and the need for Fire Service involvement in these types of incidents."

WRAS has been called out to Uckfield High Street 5 times this spring. WRAS tries its best to deal with these calls without disturbing the Fire Service but on occasions better equipment is needed. A video of the last WRAS pigeon rescue is at <http://youtu.be/ggkMm1K-bxk>



Piltdown Swan Road Rescue.

Sussex Police called out WRAS to this swan which was being attacked by a territorial pair of swans on Piltdown Pond. The pair chased this swan out of the pond across the grass and onto the main road causing traffic to slow and drive round them.

Rescuers attended on site and checked the swan over, before transporting it down to the non-territorial flock of swans at Princes Park in Eastbourne for release.



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IAR's 'Island in the sun' for orangutans in Borneo

Uckfield-based International Animal Rescue (IAR), a strong supporter of WRAS's work helping wildlife, has expressed its gratitude to teams of volunteers helping out at its orangutan centre in West Borneo. The centre, in Sungai Awan, Ketapang Regency, is home to nearly 70 orangutans of all shapes and sizes that IAR's team has rescued from the disastrous effects of deforestation or saved from a life of solitary confinement as pets. It is



hoped that in time nearly all of them will develop the skills and the physical strength to fend for themselves in the wild. In the meantime they are cared for by IAR's team of vets, keepers and babysitters who are all helping them progress along the road to freedom.

Regular groups of volunteers work at the centre assisting with tasks as varied as mixing cement and carrying out construction work; creating environmental enrichment items to keep the orangutans occupied and promote natural behaviour; preparing the orangutans' food and of course the more mundane tasks of cleaning and maintaining cages, office buildings and accommodation and cooking meals for each other. Volunteer visits are organised and managed by The Great Projects - <http://www.thegreatprojects.com/projects/iar-orangutan-project> - and the scheme generates funds for the orangutan centre as well as providing a seemingly endless supply of enthusiastic and energetic workers.

Groups of volunteers working at the centre since the beginning of this year have been singled out by International Animal Rescue for special praise for their hard work. They have been assisting with the creation of an artificial island as a temporary home for some of the most boisterous orangutans in IAR's care. An excavator was brought in to create a 6.7 hectares island. The volunteer group then set to work building feeding towers and bridges around the island and erecting more than 400 wooden poles for an electric fence. There is still a little work to do before any of the orangutans are moved onto the land, but when everything is in place some of the advanced juveniles from "forest school" will be moved in for the next stage of their rehabilitation. They will stay on the island and receive supplementary food while they continue to improve their forest skills in preparation for the big day when they can be released into a safe area of forest.

Whether the rescued animal is a fox native to the British Isles or an endangered orangutan in Borneo, the aim remains the same: to restore the animal to health and return it to freedom. That is the goal we share with our partners at WRAS and we rejoice in their successes as we know they do in ours! For more information visit: www.internationalanimalrescue.org

International Animal Rescue funds 60% of the wages for the part time employment (34 hours a week) of Trevor Weeks MBE to manage WRAS's Casualty Care Centre (earning just minimum wage). Trevor Weeks regularly puts in between 70 –110 hours a week, working many hours on a voluntary basis above what he is paid for because of his commitment and dedication to giving the casualties the care that they deserve. WRAS would not be able to operate its Casualty Care Centre without the help and support of Trevor Weeks or International Animal Rescue, plus the many other volunteers within WRAS, ensuring your donations go as far as possible.

Injured Badger Found in Disused Swimming Pool.

WRAS rescuers were called out to this badger which fell into a disused swimming pool near Hailsham back in March. The badger was found curled up in a strange position tucking his head between his legs to sleep!

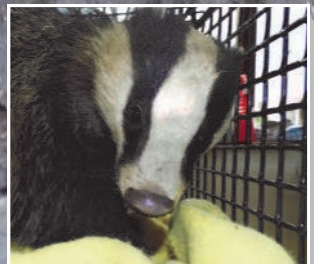
Rescuers struggled with the rescue as they couldn't get the dog grasper round the badger, but after a bit of effort the badger was caught and taken back to WRAS's Casualty Centre where it was checked over and found to have two wounds on his neck which needed veterinary help.

The badger's wounds were...



...cleaned up under anaesthetic at the Henley House Vets, and he was placed on antibiotics and bedded down to recover.

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Orphan prevention thanks to WRAS's Action!

This fox cub, which was approximately 3 weeks old, was found curled up in the corner of a garden in St Leonards. The owner contacted WRAS concerned it had been abandoned. However, after assessing the situation over the phone WRAS decided to send experience rescuers Trevor and Kathy to the site to see whether there was a need to disturb the cub.

On site it was clear the cub was not abandoned nor orphaned. He was in a good healthy condition, had clearly been fed recently and was very lively. There was also an earth in the garden which was in use. At this age some of the more adventurous cubs do start to wander out of their earths looking to see where their mum has gone but do not normally venture too far from home.

It is easy to assume a baby wild mammal has been abandoned when it hasn't and we advise anyone who finds a baby wild mammal not to touch it unless it is in immediate danger like crossing a road, but to call an organisation like WRAS for advice and assistance as soon as possible. It is common for vixens to move their cubs from one location to another and they will deposit them hidden behind flower pots or bushes, so please seek advice before touching and disturbing them.



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Uckfield Fox Rescue.

This fox lying under a wooden seat in a garden in Uckfield had to be put to sleep after being found collapsed. The fox had a nasty bite wound to a front leg which had become badly infected and on inspection the gum colour was pale and turning yellow from jaundice. The fox was easily caught and rushed to Henley House Vets where vet Chris Hall confirmed rescuers fears that the fox's condition had gone past the point of return.



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Registered Address: 8 Stour Close, Stone Cross, Pevensey, East Sussex, BN24 5QU.

(Please DO NOT deliver casualties to ANY of these addresses as none of them are constantly manned, please call the rescue line first for advice and assistance.)

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All WRAS's Managers have or are currently studying Diplomas in Wildlife First Aid and Rehabilitation or a similar qualifications in Animal Care and have completed the BHPS & Vale Wildlife Rescue's Hedgehog Basic First Aid, Care & Rehabilitation Course.

Phone Numbers:

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(Please DO NOT ring any other WRAS numbers concerning rescuing casualties)

(Please be aware we are unable to book talks for May, June, July and August.)

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Veterinary Premises:

The Casualty Care Centre at Whitesmith is registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as a Veterinary premise, No. 6548374.

Members of:

British Hedgehog Preservation Society
British Wildlife Rehabilitation Society
European Wildlife Rehabilitation Association

Social Media:

www.facebook.com/wildlifeambulance
www.youtube.com/user/eastsussexwras
Website: www.wildlifeambulance.org

To Book a Talk:

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Canada Goose Rescue at Herons Ghyll.

On Good Friday WRAS was called out to this goose with an injured wing in a wooden pond at Heron's Ghyll just north of Uckfield. Two WRAS ambulances and a team of 5 WRAS rescuers helped by the finder took 3 hours to catch the goose. The rescue was made difficult due to the shallow water and dense leaf litter and branches under the water. Rescuers used a dry suit, waders, nets, and an inflatable boat to catch the goose. The first attempt failed as Trevor was unable to move fast enough in the water. The second attempt using the boat was Trevor launch himself at the escaping goose tipping out of the boat and into the water. The three attempt at the opposite end of the lake almost worked and on the fourth attempt was successful. The goose is now at the Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton.





WRAS received a call out to Bodium Castle after a duckling got separated from its family. Every year ducks nest within the walls of the castle, and staff at the National Trust property put signs up asking people to keep clear. One nest hatched over the busy Easter Holiday and mum made her way out but one duckling got separated. Mum and ducklings disappeared and staff were unable to reunite him so WRAS was called.

Have you ever wondered what's at the end of a rainbow?



This lovely photo was taken in Uckfield back in the winter during one of the many rain storms we experienced.