

Cumbria Wildlife Trust ask for Carillions Help

Case Record



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| Location | Highways Maintenance Area 19, Cumbria |
| Client | Highways Agency |
| Main Contractor | Carillion Highways Maintenance |

For the first time in over 150 years, Ospreys are nesting in England and Carillion Highways Maintenance have been pleased to help out wherever they can.

Environmental Initiatives

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| Biodiversity | Part of the Cumbria Biodiversity Action Plan |
| | Donated road signs for the Osprey Watch Site. |

The populations of Osprey's in Europe have dwindled seriously in recent years due to persecution and more recently due to the effects of toxic chemicals released into waterways. However due to strict protection and schemes such as the one described below, their status has started to improve.

The Ospreys are spectacular fish-eating bird of prey, with a wingspan of nearly five feet. They are long distance travellers that spend the winter in Africa before returning north each Spring to breed. Although Ospreys have been spotted in the Lakes for the previous five summers, they have not been known to lay eggs before.

The birds in Area 19 have been encouraged to stay with the help of a purpose built nest provided by the Forestry Commission and the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA). This is the culmination of several years hard work, with the RSPB also joining the partnership to provide extra support. Carillion is lending its support to the project by donating road signing for the Watch Site.

The area outside Keswick where the birds are found is part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a National Nature Reserve and a Special Area of Conservation (European designation), with management of the area undertaken by the LDNPA. Previous work within the area by Carillion Highways Maintenance on issues such as Biodiversity Action Plans has shown that we are committed to the enhancement of the local environment and give us the credibility to be involved in projects such as this.

See also - "Area 19 assist with Biodiversity" case record for further information.
"Keep Wildlife on the Roads"