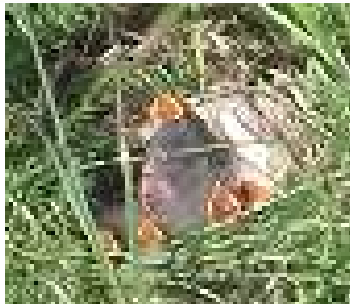


# ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS

## May 2020



# Discouraging on-site nesting again!



Ground nesting Wagtails at Larkhill HNOGEN in May '19  
(Photo. credit: John Langdon)

Over the past month our sites have been affected by new birds' nests. With the intensity of work currently, we must do everything we can that is within in environmental law to deter birds from building nests at our active construction sites.

It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to disturb all nesting birds, eggs and chicks. This includes "pest" species such as Pigeons and Gulls. The law prevents damaging or destroying nests while they are being built or in use, disturbing nesting birds and removing, destroying or taking eggs and young birds from nests. **We can however take measures to discourage birds from deciding to nest in the first place.**

### Raising the bar (perhaps with a Hawk Kite!)

Our 'STV International Defenders Eyeball Bird Scarers' were quite successful last year but birds now appear to be getting used to them. If your site has any left over, please still use them, but move their tie down positions occasionally to add that element of surprise. At sites with a high potential for nesting (e.g. with open steelwork and close to trees) it could be worth considering purchasing a flying hawk kite scarer. New ones can be bought through Amazon (details below):



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Other options include making your own silhouettes of birds of prey; blocking any open access or recess with boarding or plastic sheeting; re-using CD's and silver foil or tape can also be hung on scaffolding to discourage nesting in quieter areas.

If you see a nest or birds flying repeatedly to a certain point in your work area, **stop work in the area and report it to the Environmental Team who will give advice: [John.Langdon@aspiredefence.co.uk](mailto:John.Langdon@aspiredefence.co.uk) / [Gayathiri.Shankar@aspiredefence.co.uk](mailto:Gayathiri.Shankar@aspiredefence.co.uk).**