

WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE CRIME

The Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime in Northern Ireland (PAW NI) consists of a number of statutory and non-government organisations who work in partnership to reduce wildlife crime by raising awareness and promoting effective enforcement.

PAW NI would like to remind veterinary staff that birds of prey are protected by law in Northern Ireland and suspected incidents of wildlife crime against birds of prey, including shooting, poisoning and trapping, should be reported to PSNI by calling **101**. (For example any bird of prey proven to be shot should be reported to PSNI). For your own records please request the Command & Control number from PSNI for the incident.

Birds of prey are predators at the top of the food chain and are an important component of our ecosystem. They are also important indicators of the general state of our biodiversity and health of our environment. Persistent killing of birds of prey can result in local population extinctions, and if carried out more widely, in regional and national extinctions.

For more information see www.wildlifecrimeni.org