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Holcombe Brook Sports Club, Hazel Hall Lane, Tottington, Bury: Nesting Bird Survey

Dear Mr Fitton

On 19th May 2025 a survey to determine the presence or absence of nesting birds was undertaken by myself, Verity Webster BSc MSC CECol MCIEEM at the above site.

Relevant legislation

All wild birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 (as amended). The Act makes it an offence (with exception to species listed in Schedule 2) to intentionally:

- kill, injure, or take any wild bird,
- take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built (also [take, damage or destroy the nest of a wild bird included in Schedule ZA1] under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006), or
- take or destroy an egg of any wild bird.

Survey conditions:

19th May 2025: 8:15 – 9:05 10°C, light breeze, 100% cloud cover. No precipitation, dry ground.

Survey Site

The survey area comprises hawthorn and bramble scrub identified for removal.



Hawthorn and bramble scrub



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Birds recorded on site

Bird species recorded during the survey comprise starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), wood pigeon (*Columba palumbus*), robin (*Erithacus rubecula*), goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) blue tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) and house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*).

Nesting Birds

The birds recorded on site were foraging and passing through across the site. A single sparrow, most likely a house sparrow was recorded in the hawthorn.

No behaviour indicative of nesting birds, or active bird nests was recorded during the survey in the area of vegetation identified for removal.

Conclusion and recommendations

Works to clear the vegetation can be undertaken without any foreseeable impact upon nesting birds. These works must take place as soon as possible to avoid the risk of birds nesting, ideally within the next 4-5 days.

Note that any vegetation left intact will require re-survey later in the nesting season (nesting season March – September). If vegetation works are undertaken outside this period, there is no requirement for an additional check.

If you require anything more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Verity Webster', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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