

Risk assessment and guidance for a safe visit

Please be aware that whilst our birds are regularly handled and trained by experienced Falconers they are not ‘pets’ and must be treated with respect at all times. An experienced Falconer will closely supervise all interaction with our birds – failure to follow his or her instructions may result in a bird becoming scared or stressed which could result in injury to the bird, yourself or another visitor. We provide all visitors with the specialist equipment required to handle our birds however we would strongly encourage you to wear a long-sleeved top to ensure you can fully and safely enjoy the experience of having one of our birds alight on, and take flight from, your hand.

For Hawk walks: The approach to The Grain Store and our aviaries is uneven and may become slippery in wet/frosty weather. Our routes are mainly across open fields but may include footpaths and climbing over stiles – all require a degree of agility and mobility, especially when the ground is wet or slippery. There may also be covered warrens and livestock in the field. Please wear suitable footwear. Those with mobility limitations may require assistance throughout their visit (please see ‘Disclosures and Permissions’ below).

For Owl Encounters: The direct approach to our aviaries is uneven and may become slippery in wet/frosty weather. Please take care when approaching our premises and contact us in advance if you have mobility issues to discuss your requirements (The Owlery is accessible to wheelchair users).

- *The Grain Store (our premises) and the land on which it is situated is owned by The Duchy of Cornwall and our location is shared. Please respect the privacy and instructions of neighbouring residents and businesses.*
- *The minimum age limit for unaccompanied young people is 16.*

Disclaimer

Visitors are responsible for their own health and safety and that of any accompanied minors throughout their visit. West of England Falconry is not liable for any accident or injury incurred during visits to The Grain Store or surrounding areas during a Hawk Walk or an Owl Encounter in The Owlery. Neither is it liable for any loss or damage (however incurred) to visitors’ personal possessions during their visit – visitors should only bring items necessary for this activity and are exclusively responsible for their own possessions.

1. Do you or a member of your group have any medical condition, current illness or take any medication that could affect your full participation in this activity? YES / NO

If yes, please tell us here – this information will be treated with the utmost discretion and confidentiality.

2. Do ALL members of your group give their permission for us to take photos or videos during your visit? We may use images we take for promotional purposes – including Social Media. YES / NO

3. Please tell us where/how you heard about West of England Falconry?.....

I/we the undersigned confirm that I/we have read, fully understand and agree with the above and acknowledge the limited risks associated with the activity in which we are about to participate. **Please use block capitals.**

Title.....Name

Address

.....Postcode

E-mail address Tel

Signature Date

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