

Visits - My Requirements

Club Visits

I will bring: laptop, digital projector, cable reel and large screen.

I would be grateful if you could provide: a table for the projection equipment and 2 x tables for sales items

School Visits

I will bring: laptop, digital projector, cable reel, large screen, dust sheet, tripod and branch for 'Draw an Owl'.

I would be grateful if you could provide: drawing equipment, a table in the main hall for projection equipment and also ensure that blackout blinds are in place in the hall and any other rooms where I need to use projector (particularly important during sunny weather)

Once I start working in class, it would be a great help to be based in that classroom throughout my visit to avoid the need to move equipment and bird/animals. If this is not possible, please build in 10 minutes moving time between sessions.

Owl Prowls

Please ensure that you have designated leaders/helpers/first-aiders for group safety.

'Meet an Owl' Home Visits

Please ensure that cats or dogs cannot enter the room during my visit

Working With a Live Owl

As a conservationist, I prefer not to bring tame owls to visits as it can send out a confusing message, especially to children. However, using a live bird is sometimes a necessary part of my educational work and, used responsibly, can deliver a powerful conservation message to children. So a live owl is brought to school visits, children's clubs, owl prowls, 'Meet an Owl' home visits and other selective events.

A live owl is **not** however brought along as default to adult Powerpoint Presentations, which feature over 100 photographs of owls. For those groups that really want to see a live owl, a short appearance by an owl **after** the Powerpoint show can be booked separately at additional cost (please see booking form).

Nb. I have a strict no-touch policy whenever I bring an owl to any booking. Exceptions only made for special needs groups.

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Wild Owl

Educational Owl Visits by Owl Conservationist Ian McGuire



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INFORMATION



Thank you for your interest in booking a Wild Owl visit to learn about the conservation of British owls and other wildlife.

The following gives you details about me and information that I hope will ensure my visit to you runs smoothly - I look forward to meeting you all!

Ian McGuire - Wild Owl

About Me

My Background

A lifelong bird of prey enthusiast, I have been involved in bird of prey conservation since the mid '90s and brought owl conservation to South Gloucestershire in 2000 when I formed a successful volunteer group for a national bird of prey charity. During this time I gained experience with installing and monitoring owl boxes, working with landowners and farmers and also began working with the public at events and owl prowls to raise awareness of issues affecting British owls and other birds of prey.

About Wild Owl

In 2006 I left a full time management job to create Wild Owl, giving me a platform to respond to demand for my educational services in a professional capacity.

Wild Owl is my business and not a charity. I receive no external funding or grants and fund myself through the fees I charge for my visits. The aim of my work is to raise public awareness about how amazing British owls are and why we need to protect them from issues that affect their survival in the wild. All my presentations feature lots of fascinating photographs from my portfolio and are delivered in a witty style to ensure that the educational conservation message is also an entertaining experience.

My Experience as a Speaker

I have given over 1000 talks to adults and children's groups, including many primary schools. I also have experience in working with children and young adults with Special Needs, particularly those with Autism and Learning Disability.

I have also appeared on TV, radio and on DVD on owl related projects.

Information About My Visiting Services

Wild Owl Visiting Services

Please see the separate booking form for details of my services

My Geographical Range

I am based in Chipping Sodbury, North of Bristol and offer visits to many parts of the region including Bristol, Bath, Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire plus a few other areas in the same regions.

Please note that I may not wish to accept bookings to some city centre locations.

Travelling Expenses

Please note that **return** travelling expenses from BS37 7AU are charged at 40p/mile to every visit in addition to the main fee. This will be quoted at the time of booking.

Parking Fees & Toll Charges

In the event that your venue does not have a free car park, I will need to charge the parking fee, plus any toll charges for bridges, such as the Second Severn Crossing for bookings in Wales.

Postcode of Venue

It is always helpful to have a full address and postcode for your venue to assist me in finding you using GPS Sat-nav equipment.

Emergency Mobile Telephone Number

Please ensure you fill in the emergency contact number on the booking form so that I can contact someone in the unlikely event that I am delayed.

Payment

Payment will be collected at the end of my visit and an invoice can be given or sent on for your accounts. Please make cheques payable to 'Ian McGuire'.

I am happy to invoice schools, colleges and corporate customers on a 21 day account basis.

Sales Items at Visits to Adult Groups

I sometimes bring along a selection of owl-related sales items on visits to adult groups. I would be grateful if you could mention this to your members beforehand, but if for any reason you would prefer I did not sell items, please make a note to advise me on the booking form.

Public Liability Insurance & CRB

I have annual public liability insurance and also hold a current Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure (last updated December 2010).

Marketing Resources to Promote My Visit to You

Please visit the Wild Owl web site at www.wildowl.co.uk for photographs of me and owls to assist you in making posters etc to promote my visit to your club.

My Availability for 2011/12

Due to increasing demand for my services during 2010, and wildlife contract commitments for 2011, my availability for talks and services in 2011/12 will be restricted to the following time slots:

Schools Bookings - Tues or Thurs

Club & group bookings etc - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs evenings only.

Local Authority & Corporate Bookings - please contact me for availability

Some weekend availability will be available for local shows and special events

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