

My wildlife & photography passion

I've been photographing our family pets since I was a kid, mostly our dogs we had growing up. The Greyhounds were particularly fun to try and snap whilst in full pelt running across a field whilst out walking them with my parents! I would also photograph my own cats, although they weren't that keen on the camera(!), but I also liked to try and capture the Red kites which would circle above my house daily. It became a great challenge and before I knew it, I was hooked on birds of prey, and knew I needed to purchase a telephoto lens to really be successful with bird photography. That soon grew into a genuine interest in capturing all wildlife. This passion took on a life of it's own, and I was soon becoming easily distracted at work, whilst sitting in the office, where we had floor to ceiling windows which overlooked a lake and fields, and Red kites, Buzzards and Kestrels would fly right past our desks! I recall one day, I was struggling to get any work done or concentrate on what my colleagues were saying to me, as there was a Kestrel hovering right near the window!

When covid times hit us, my photography became my solace and turned into a serious hobby which I could escape with, and it actually made me wake up and realise I was letting my full-time job consume my life. After that, it was hard to keep me indoors during the spring and summer evenings after work. And at weekends I would be gone for hours. It really has become a very special and important part of my life and my love for wildlife just increases with every photo I capture. The deer are a real passion of mine and no matter how many times I see them, I still get that buzz and excitement as if it's the first time! They are incredibly beautiful and captivating animals and one of many British species we need to protect.

