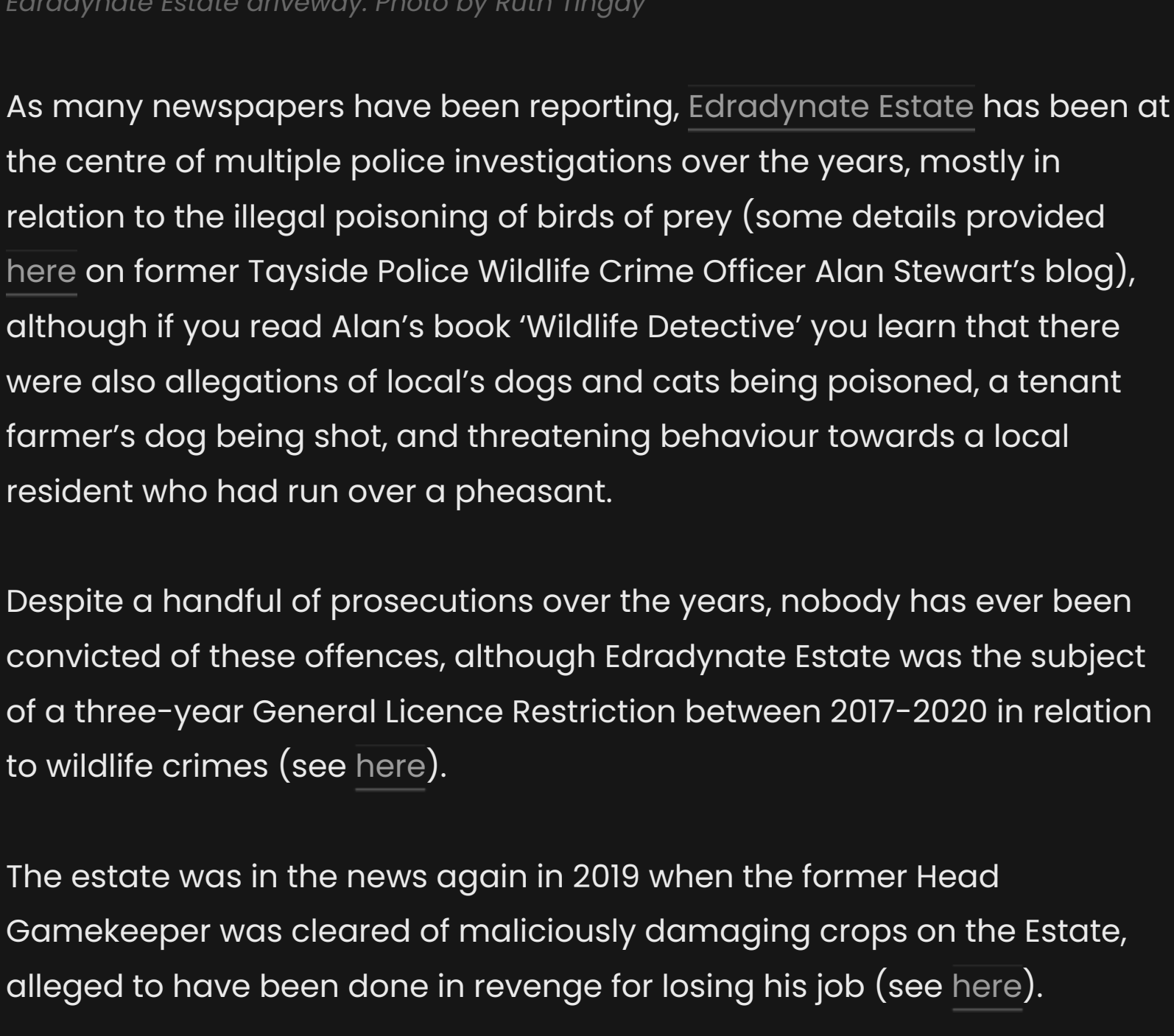


# Raptor Persecution UK

## Former employee of notorious Edradynate Estate shot dead – Police launch murder inquiry

Police Scotland has launched a murder enquiry following the shooting of Brian Low, 65, who was out walking his dog on a remote track in Aberfeldy, Perthshire on 17th February 2024 (see [here](#)).

Mr Low had worked as a groundsman for the nearby notorious Edradynate Estate for more than twenty years before retiring last year.



*Edradynate Estate driveway. Photo by Ruth Tingay*

As many newspapers have been reporting, [Edradynate Estate](#) has been at the centre of multiple police investigations over the years, mostly in relation to the illegal poisoning of birds of prey (some details provided [here](#) on former Tayside Police Wildlife Crime Officer Alan Stewart's blog), although if you read Alan's book 'Wildlife Detective' you learn that there were also allegations of local's dogs and cats being poisoned, a tenant farmer's dog being shot, and threatening behaviour towards a local resident who had run over a pheasant.

Despite a handful of prosecutions over the years, nobody has ever been convicted of these offences, although Edradynate Estate was the subject of a three-year General Licence Restriction between 2017–2020 in relation to wildlife crimes (see [here](#)).

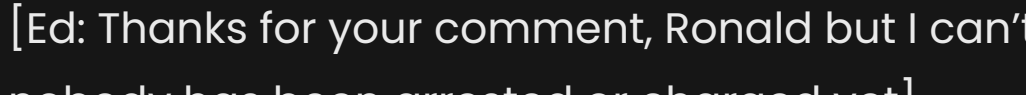
The estate was in the news again in 2019 when the former Head Gamekeeper was cleared of maliciously damaging crops on the Estate, alleged to have been done in revenge for losing his job (see [here](#)).

There is no suggestion whatsoever that anyone from Edradynate Estate is involved with Mr Low's murder but it's reasonable to assume, as in any murder inquiry, his long-term employment there will form part of the police investigation into his background and to identify any possible motives for this murder.

Police Scotland have been undertaking local enquiries for the last ten days prior to publicising the news of Mr Low's murder. I sincerely hope they have been able to identify a suspect and that they find sufficient evidence to convict for this appalling crime.

They have opened a Major Incident Portal where members of the public can provide information directly to the investigating team (named Operation Newlane): [CLICK HERE](#).

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3 thoughts on "Former employee of notorious Edradynate Estate shot dead – Police launch murder inquiry"

### hazelhames

February 28, 2024 at 11:30 am

Other employees and ex ones must be worried.Wical they ever find any new employees?

These estates seem to be run œske little mafia kingdoms.

About time all these places shut down and reused for purposes that benefit local communities and wildlife.At moment these places are stuck in the past in a very dark place.

Condolences to the gentleman's

family.If only dogs could talk eh'.

Reply

### Ronald Guye

February 28, 2024 at 12:26 pm

[Ed: Thanks for your comment, Ronald but I can't publish it. Please note, nobody has been arrested or charged yet]

Reply

### Keith Dancey

February 28, 2024 at 12:39 pm

I am somewhat puzzled why it took the Police ten days to "launch a murder investigation" after the emergency services had attended (and only after a subsequent post mortem).

Something not obvious is being withheld...

I'm not surprised that the local community are spooked.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-68413366>

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