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Preparing for the season

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Cameras were put back on several nests in Kielder Forest last week, in readiness for the return of the resident ospreys. Forestry England Rangers Iain and David climbed in wall to wall sunshine – at least early in the day!



Iain raises the new camera for Nest 4
(c) Forestry England

Nest 1A, where no breeding took place last season, was more or less bare, so moss was sent up.



David improving the look of Nest 1A!
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Peter from [Outersight](#), who maintain the technical infrastructure, checked the cameras were working and well positioned at the bottom of the poles.



Peter powering up his laptop
(c) Forestry England

Work remains to be done over the next week or so. Unfortunately the poles at Nests 2 and 6 have been deemed unsafe to climb. Insight will be limited at these nests.

There have been occasional visits to some of the platforms – mostly corvids but also a buzzard. No ospreys yet, though!

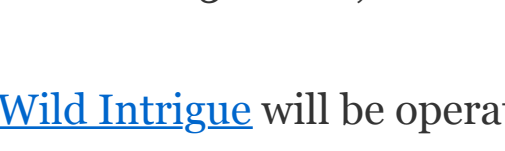
a raven admires the view from Nest 7
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Osprey Watch, run by [Northumberland Wildlife Trust](#) at Tower Knowe Visitor Centre, begins on 30 March. Spaces are still available at the [training day](#) for volunteers at Kielder Castle on 13 March, see the link for details.

[Wild Intrigue](#) will be operating osprey watching cruises on Kielder Water from 20 April. It's a great way to see the birds hunting for their lunch or dinner.

Now we await the appearance of the stars of the show!

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March 10, 2024 at 10:06 am

Looking forward to following their return and what the coming brings 🙌 Thank you for the blog posts!

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thehutts says:
March 10, 2024 at 10:10 am

Thanks to Iain and David for their climbing and Outersight for their technical expertise. Sorry to hear about the problems with the 2 poles but, on the plus side Joanna , it means less time for you pouring through downloaded footage and more time in the field on field observations, which must be so much better for your health! Here's to a successful season for returning and new pairs.

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janeallport says:
March 10, 2024 at 11:06 am

Great stuff Iain , David and Peter. Thank you for the dizzying hard work ! And thank you Joanna for your Blog

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Robert Cooke says:
March 10, 2024 at 1:58 pm

Thanks to the team for all the work you do to help the ospreys and nature.

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Angela Cawdron says:
March 11, 2024 at 6:47 pm

Well done
Hope a successful season

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