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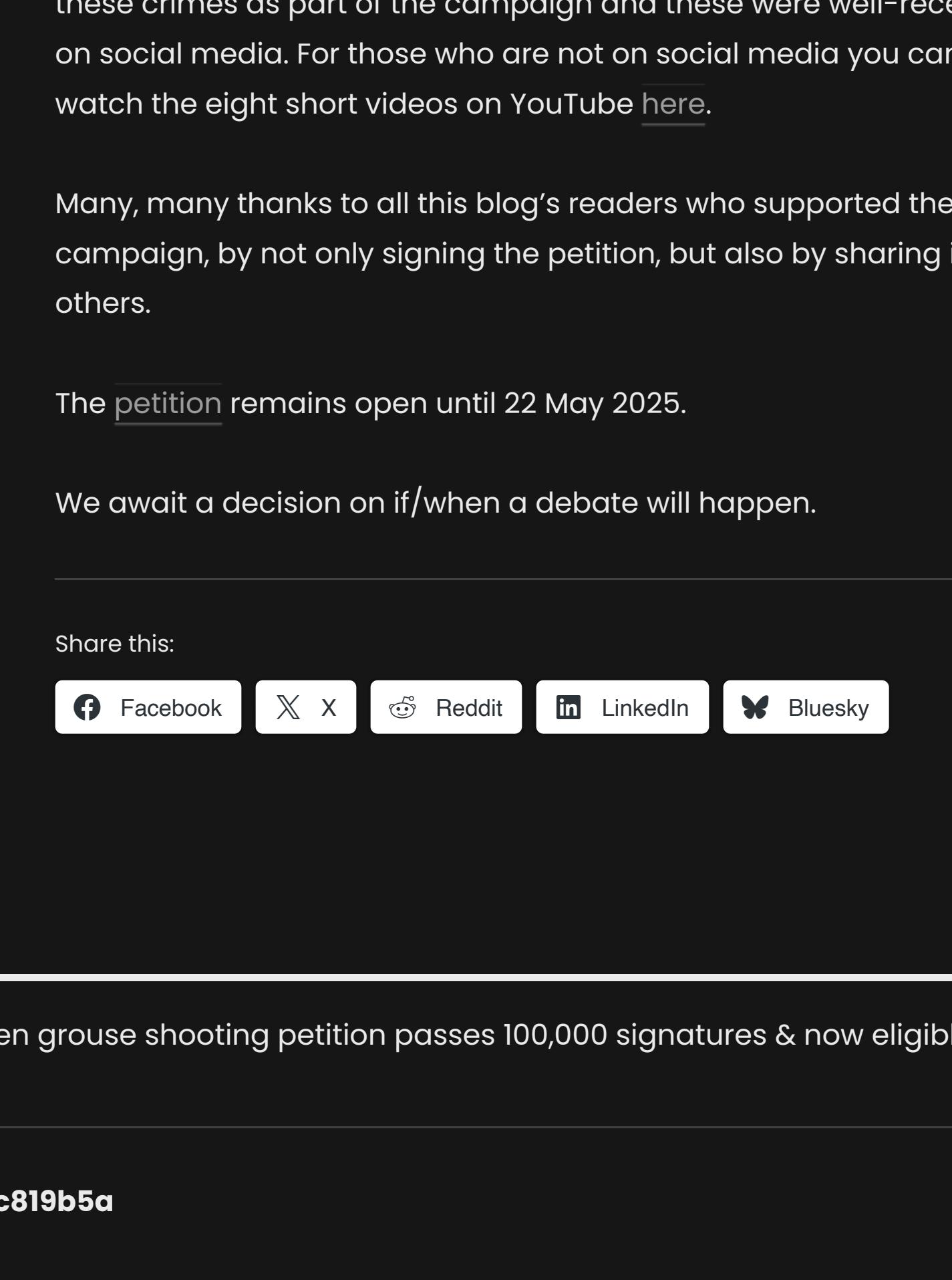
## Ban driven grouse shooting petition passes 100,000 signatures & now eligible for Westminster debate

RaptorPersecutionUK

April 20, 2025

News

This morning, Wild Justice's petition calling for a ban on driven grouse shooting passed 100,000 signatures, which means the Westminster Government will now consider it for a debate in Westminster Hall.



There are loads of reasons why driven grouse shooting should be banned, but one of the main ones is the ongoing illegal persecution of birds of prey that is directly linked to this filthy so-called 'sport'.

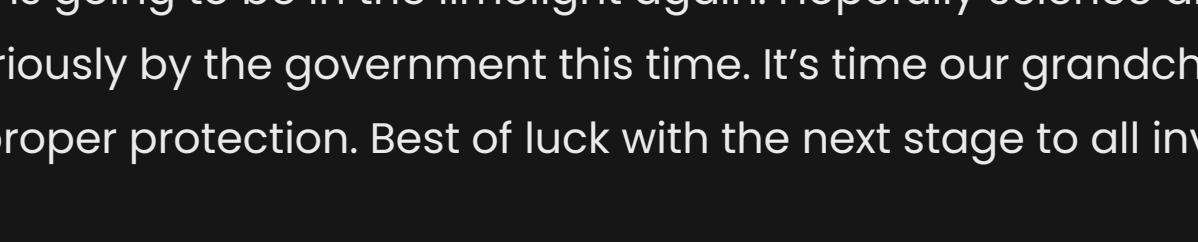
Raptors have been legally protected in the UK, at least on paper, since 1954, and yet 71 years later, criminal gamekeepers continue to shoot, trap, poison, stamp on, pull the heads off, pull the wings off, pull the legs off species such as golden eagles, red kites, hen harriers, white-tailed eagles, buzzards, peregrines, short-eared owls, goshawks etc because they're perceived as a threat to the hundreds of thousands of red grouse that their paying clients want to shoot for a bit of a laugh. Wild Justice chose a few case studies to highlight these crimes as part of the campaign and these were well-received on social media. For those who are not on social media you can watch the eight short videos on YouTube [here](#).

Many, many thanks to all this blog's readers who supported the campaign, by not only signing the petition, but also by sharing it with others.

The petition remains open until 22 May 2025.

We await a decision on if/when a debate will happen.

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**cheerfullyphantom7lbc819b5a**

April 20, 2025 at 3:28 pm

I want this to happen so much, but I'm afraid there is too much money involved. Also think people in high places, again, are also involved in shooting. But you never know! 🤞

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**lesleymarian**

April 20, 2025 at 4:06 pm

Thank you, Ruth, Mark and Chris for setting up this much-needed, enlightened petition – let's hope in the time that's left many more signatures will create even more impact among politicians.

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**Quercus**

April 20, 2025 at 7:18 pm

It had looked as though the petition was dragging its feet a bit but a recent surge in activity has seen it reach the target with time to spare.

Looking forward to the debate. This time it ought not to be hijacked by the shooting fraternity and their supporters.

Very well done to all involved at WJ.

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