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## Gamekeeper Racster Dingwall pleads not guilty to two charges relating to alleged conspiracy to kill a Hen Harrier on grouse moor in Yorkshire Dales National Park

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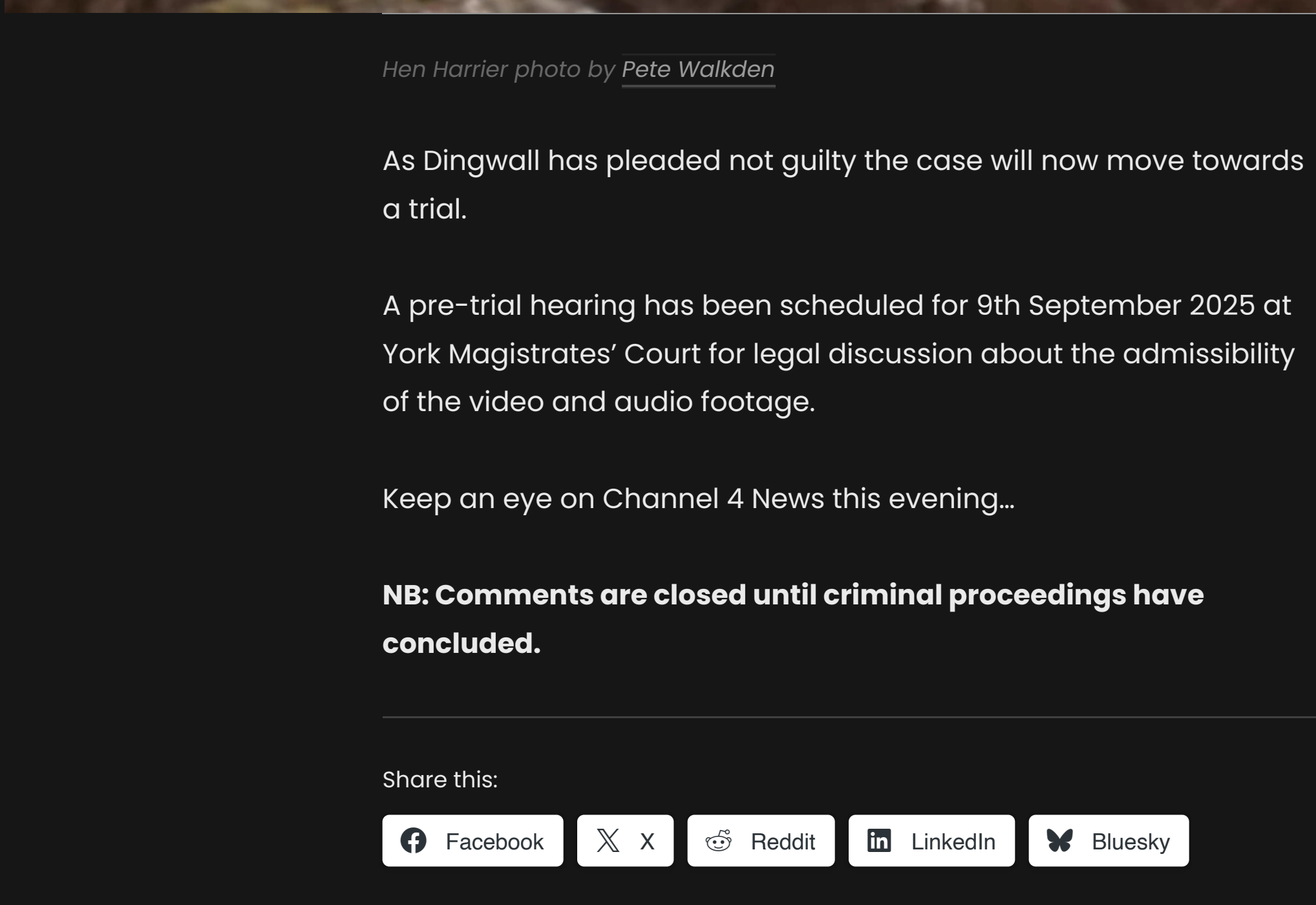
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Further to this morning's blog ([here](#)), gamekeeper Racster Dingwall, 34, appeared at Skipton Magistrates' Court this afternoon where he pleaded not guilty to two charges relating to an alleged conspiracy to kill a Hen Harrier on a grouse moor (Coniston & Grassington Estate) in the Yorkshire Dales National Park on 2nd October 2024.

This case relates to the covert footage filmed by the RSPB's Investigations team last autumn and later shown on Channel 4 News ([here](#)).



Hen Harrier photo by [Pete Walkden](#)

As Dingwall has pleaded not guilty the case will now move towards a trial.

A pre-trial hearing has been scheduled for 9th September 2025 at York Magistrates' Court for legal discussion about the admissibility of the video and audio footage.

Keep an eye on Channel 4 News this evening...

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