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Shot Buzzard found in Bransdale area of North York Moors National Park – Police appeal for information

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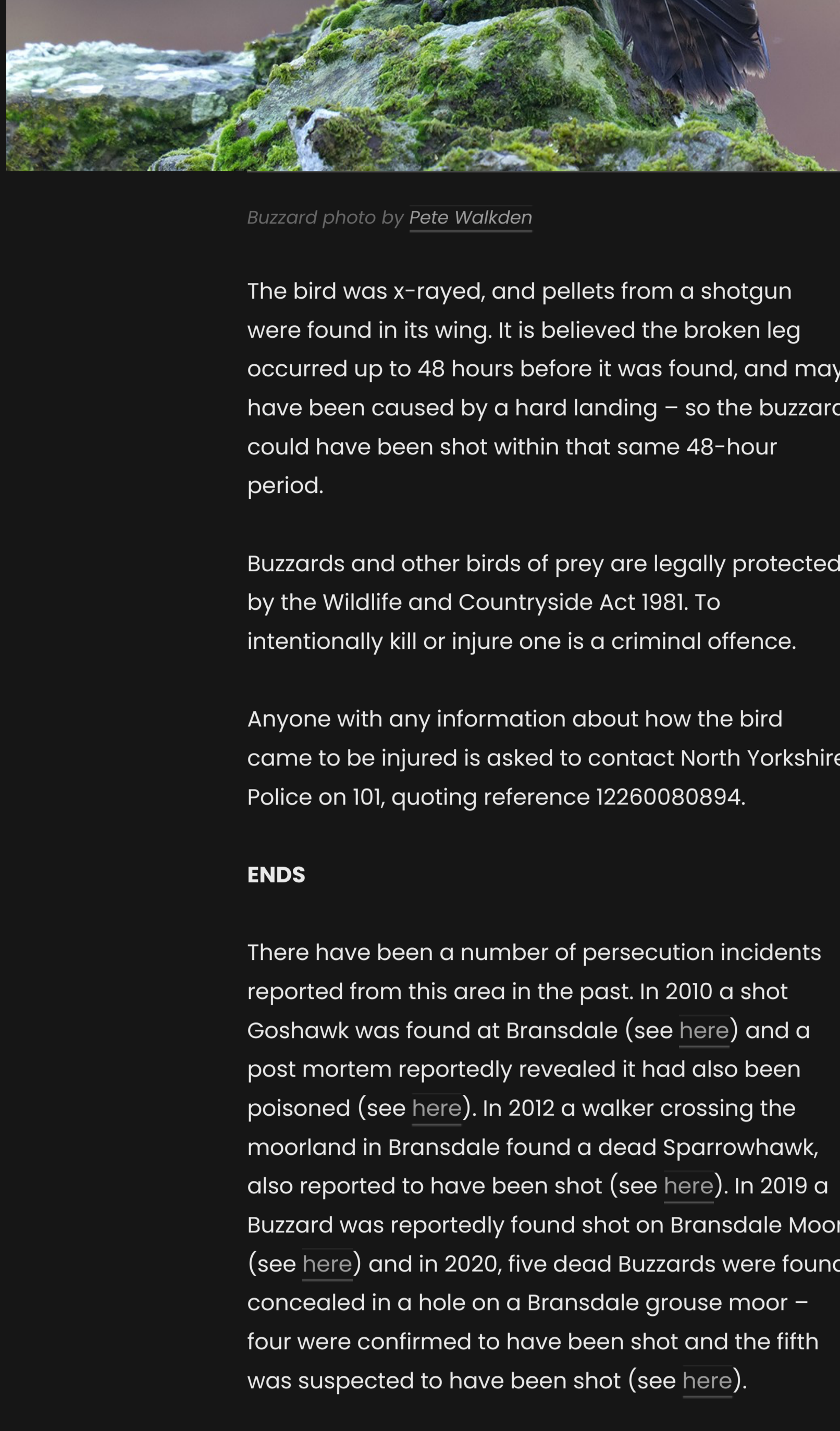
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Press statement from North Yorkshire Police (19 May 2026):

APPEAL FOR INFORMATION AFTER SHOT BUZZARD FOUND IN NORTH YORK MOORS

We're appealing for information after a buzzard was found with shotgun pellets in its wing.

The buzzard was located in the Bransdale area on 4 May 2026 with a broken leg, and taken to a vet. Sadly, it had to be euthanised due to its injuries.



Buzzard photo by [Pete Waikden](#)

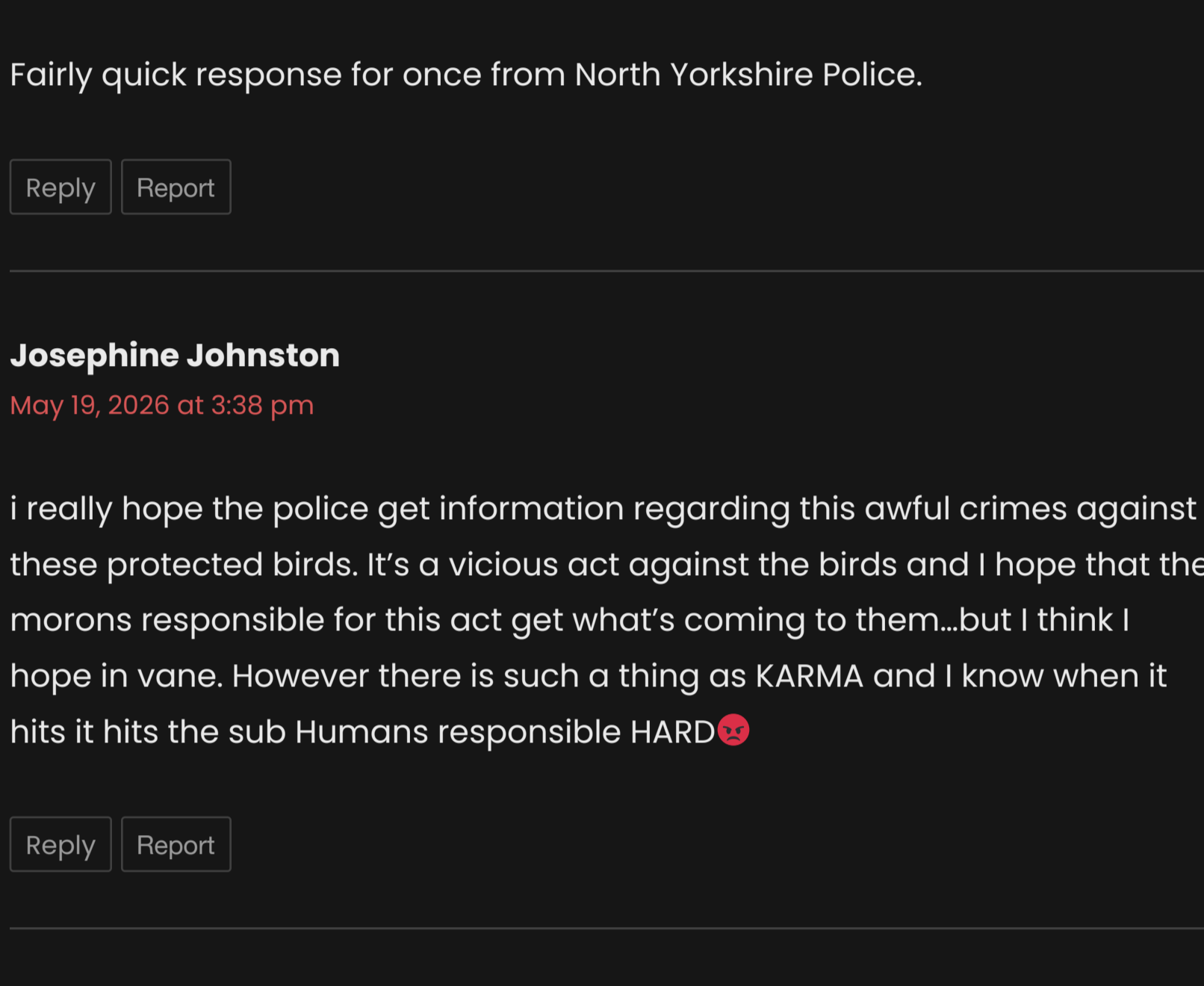
The bird was x-rayed, and pellets from a shotgun were found in its wing. It is believed the broken leg occurred up to 48 hours before it was found, and may have been caused by a hard landing – so the buzzard could have been shot within that same 48-hour period.

Buzzards and other birds of prey are legally protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. To intentionally kill or injure one is a criminal offence.

Anyone with any information about how the bird came to be injured is asked to contact North Yorkshire Police on 101, quoting reference 12260080894.

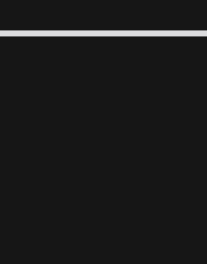
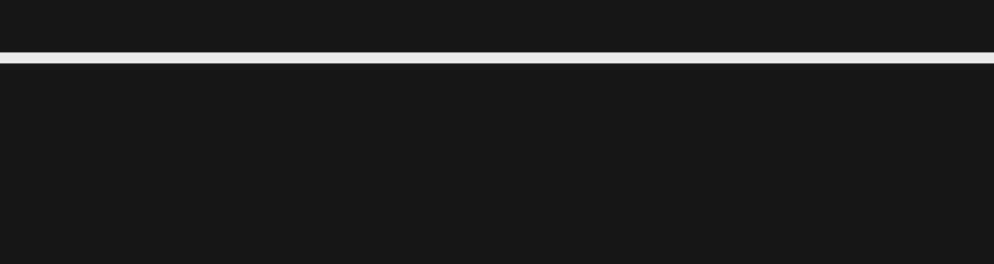
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There have been a number of persecution incidents reported from this area in the past. In 2010 a shot Goshawk was found at Bransdale (see [here](#)) and a post mortem reportedly revealed it had also been poisoned (see [here](#)). In 2012 a walker crossing the moorland in Bransdale found a dead Sparrowhawk, also reported to have been shot (see [here](#)). In 2019 a Buzzard was reportedly found shot on Bransdale Moor (see [here](#)) and in 2020, five dead Buzzards were found concealed in a hole on a Bransdale grouse moor – four were confirmed to have been shot and the fifth was suspected to have been shot (see [here](#)).



The Bransdale area of the North York Moors National Park

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May 19, 2026 at 3:17 pm

Fairly quick response for once from North Yorkshire Police.



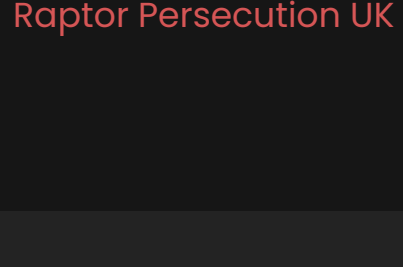
Josephine Johnston

May 19, 2026 at 3:38 pm

I really hope the police get information regarding this awful crimes against these protected birds. It's a vicious act against the birds and I hope that the morons responsible for this act get what's coming to them...but I think I hope in vane. However there is such a thing as KARMA and I know when it hits it hits the sub Humans responsible HARD🔴



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