

# APPLICATION TO BECOME A NRS MENTOR



Name.....Observer Code.....

Full address.....

Postcode.....Email.....

Telephone:(day).....Telephone:(evening).....

Please tick one or more options to describe what help you can provide as a mentor:

Tick

Guidance on open nest finding and monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance on small-hole box monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance on raptor/owl box monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance on a specific species/technique, e.g. <i>gull colonies, Sparrowhawk nest finding</i> . Please give details: .....	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you'd like to be listed as a representative of a group or project, e.g 'John Smith, on behalf of Nunnery Ringing Group', please give details below. Please see the mentoring map (<http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/nrs/taking-part/nrs-mentoring>) for more examples.

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I have read and understood the document *NRS Mentoring Scheme: guidance for mentors*. Yes/No

I agree to ensure that people who contact me are registered with the Nest Record Scheme if I agree to meet them for mentoring more than once. Yes/No

I have read, understood and agree to abide by *a) the BTO's Child Protection Policy for NRS Mentors and b) the Guidelines for Undertaking Fieldwork with Young People*. I agree to contact the BTO if I plan to regularly supervise people who are under 18-years-old and to ensure that I am registered with the relevant national vetting scheme before I begin any supervision. I am happy for the BTO to check that I am registered with the relevant national vetting scheme. *If you choose no to this statement, you will be registered as a mentor for people over 18-years-old only.* Yes/No

Applicant signature:.....Date:.....

**Please complete this form and return it to: NRS Organiser, BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2PU**

**Note:** the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland has been suspended and is under review. The scheme for Scotland, the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme is however now active. It is anticipated that the BTO's vetting policy will be implemented in England, Wales and Northern Ireland once the review of the proposed VBS scheme is complete. BTO will also review its child protection policy and guidance at that time. Current guidance is given on the NRS mentoring information sheet.

**Note: Compliance with child protection legislation in Scotland – general guidance**

Group organisers should be aware that if they make arrangements, on behalf of their group, for adults to look after unaccompanied children, particularly children under 16, this may fall under the 'offering regulated work' provisions of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Act (Scotland). Under this act it is an offence for an organisation to offer regulated work to a person barred from working with children. The only certain way of avoiding this offence is by checking whether the person is barred, through the new PVG Scheme. Working out whether you are offering regulated work on behalf of an organisation can be difficult. There is extensive guidance on the Disclosure Scotland web site, but in many cases a judgement will have to be made. If you would like advice from the BTO, please contact the Director of Services. In appropriate cases, the BTO may be able to arrange vetting through the PVG Scheme on behalf of your group. *Andrew Scott, BTO Director of Services*