

On-line Wildlife Presentations with Stephen Powles

including

Kirtlington's Hedgehog Street "Superhighway"

"Hedgehogs - In Need of Your Help" and "Kirtlington's Hedgehog Street Superhighway"



This presentation can take various forms, the final choice depending on your interests and the time available. Three topics are on offer: 1) a general hedgehog presentation (an excellent overview, lasts about 50 minutes and was created by "Hedgehog Street" 2) how one village came together to connect their gardens ("Kirtlington's Hedgehog Street Superhighway") with suggestions as to how you might do the same 3) a 10 year citizen science project of mine.

Other popular presentations on offer include:

1. "Otters - Coming to a River Near You"



A general otter talk covering (amongst other things) their design features, their behaviour, signs to look out for and their population crash plus subsequent recovery. At the end there is a short piece on Hammer Scar, a female otter who became habituated to me and with whom I made four TV appearances.

2. "In Pursuit of the Improbable"



This is a medley of interesting, amusing and informative wildlife stories. I describe how I managed to photograph and film some challenging subjects and how an understanding of their natural history and behaviour enabled me to do so. Amongst others, pine martens, a "smart" mouse, hornets and tawny owls are featured.

3. "Hornets - Gentle Giants"



All you need to know about these fascinating insects and more! They and I made an appearance on The One Show.

4. "Tawny Owls - Coming to a Wood Near You"



Tawny owls are often heard but rarely seen. This presentation describes the lives of these fascinating birds, much of it gleaned from a wild "tawny" that I spent many hours observing and photographing over a fifteen-year period.

5. "Going Underground - The Cave Elephants of Mt Elgon"



Mt Elgon, an extinct volcano straddling the Kenya/Uganda border, is home to a unique population of elephants. The elephants travel upto 150m into the mountain to "mine" the mineral rich volcanic rock. The talk will also explore the wider natural and cultural history of the the mountain and the fascinating theories as to how the caves might have been formed.

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All subjects have proved popular with a wide range of audiences. There is plenty to interest for both those with only a passing interest in the natural world and those who are already well informed on the subjects covered. The format is your choice – either straight through or a longer presentation of two halves with a short break in the middle.

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