Alyth Osprey Nest/ Meigle Pylon

Osprey nest at Alyth electricity sub station, located in the Perth and Kinross region.

The Ospreys have nested at the site since around 1990

They initially nested on the top of a Electricity Pylon,(at this time the nest was known as Meagle Pylon) However, due to a planned expansion of the site and following consultation with Roy Dennis MBE, a decision was taken to build a new nest on a specially designed 25 metre pole some 320 metres from the old nest, a couple of 8.5 Metre resting poles/perches were also erected. This work was carried out in March 2014.

Between 2014 and 2022 a total of 14 chicks have been seen to Fledge from the nest,according to reports the first chicks raised on the new platform didn't happen until 2017(see BBC news item below).

As of 2022 the nest was occupied by an Unbanded Male and a Female Banded Blue HK0. No information is known regarding the Male, the female was hatched at a nest at Loch Awe Near Argyll, in 2014.

In 2022 the local school named the Ospreys, the male was named Harry and the female Flora, the three chicks that year were named Rowan,

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Hollie and Bonnie.







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Welcome home Harry and Flora! Famous Alyth ospreys return to nesting platform for summer - SSEN Transmission

BBC coverage of Alyth Ospreys

Osprey nest build at Alyth on Vimeo

Bright sparks provide perfect platform for loved-up Alyth osprey pair

https://www.pressreader.com/uk/perthshire-advertiser/20210928/281556588979177

Electricity pylon ospreys rear chicks in Perthshire - BBC News

SSEN Transmission Alyth Substation Osprey nest camera

The old Nest

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Visitors flock to see osprey at Kinnordy

THE R.S.P.B. Loch of Kinnordy Nature Reserve near Kirriemuir can boast many welcome visitors this year but none more so than the osprey which has been seen during recent weeks.

"The first that human visitors know about this distinguished guest is when the black-headed gulls take to the air as one," explained warden Bryn Thomas yesterday.

"Gulls mistakenly believe the osprey to be a threat to their young but it is really only interested in fishing, something it has been doing with increasing regularity and considerable success.

"We expect the bird to be calling in for some time to come. We predict this season will see record numbers of human visitors flocking to the reserve as well.

"Both are equally welcome in the society's book."

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Enthusiasm for an osprey at RSPB Loch of Kinnordy, perhaps their range had expanded to the area in 1989. Kinnordy is about 9 miles to the north-east from the nest at Alyth/Meigle.

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[Google street view of Meigle pylon nest - Sept 2008]

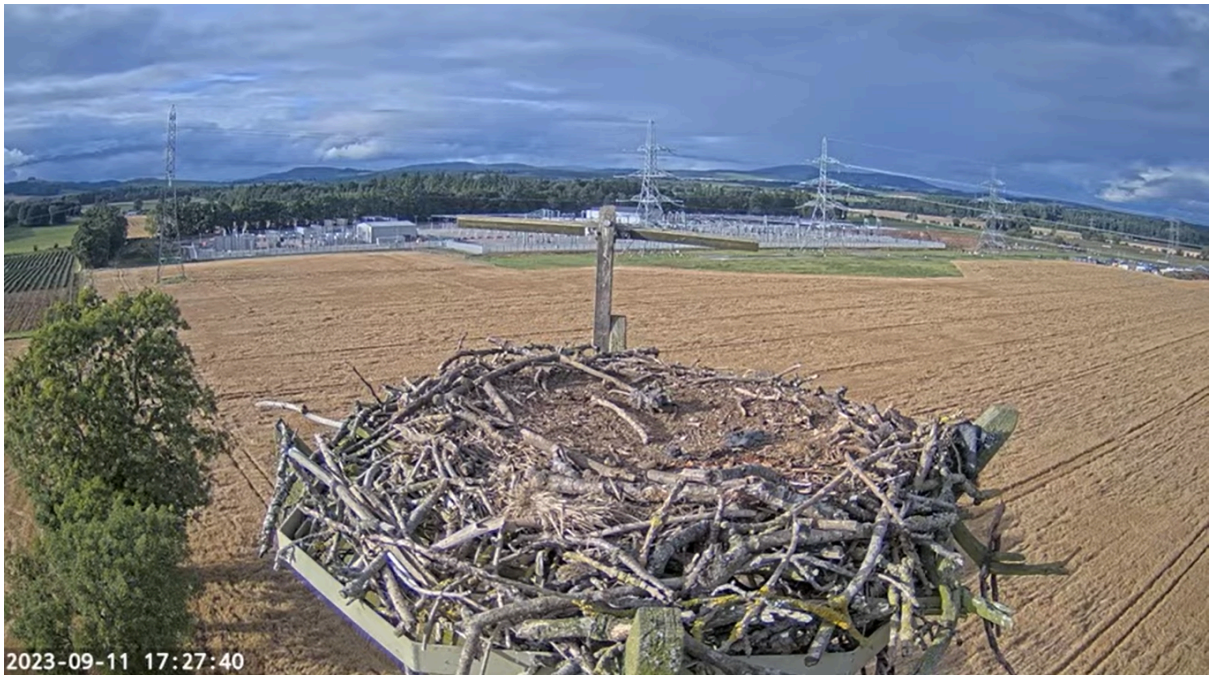
The old nest on the Meigle pylon is visible from historical street view coverage in 2008. It is situated at the very top of the pylon. The nest is situated just to the north of the River Isla, which is likey why the ospreys chose to nest there.



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Image of the roosting perch beside the nest. This is probably where 'Harry' roosts, sits and guards the nest and where he eats his catches. This perch isn't visible on the camera. It is closer to the nest than the trees along the banks of the River Isla.

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Meagle Platform.

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Model made by Val Gall that sits in the Reception area.

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7L0 and7L1 26/07/25
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CHICKS FLEDGED AT ALYTH		
YEAR	NUMBER	NOTES
2017- 2022	14	
2022	3	First year Camera fitted to this Nest. 1 CHICK NOT SEEN SHORTLY AFTER FLEDGING
2023	3	HARRY AND FLORA/ADULTS
2024	1	HARRY AND FLORA/ADULTS, 3 Chicks hatched only one survived, possibly due to Bad Weather and poor Fishing conditions early in the season
2025	3	Chicks have been named by Meagle Primary School, Forest, Marlow and Oakly. Chicks Ringed 01/07/25 7L0,7L1,7L2 M,F,M. 07/07/25 7L2 DIED (SIBLICIDE)
2026	0	£ eggs were laid, However, Nest failed after Harry went missing in May.
2027		
TOTAL	24	

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