

Red Kite Sighting near Dunbar

Make a Parachute Kite

The Red Kite Bird sighting, captured in this photograph, near Dunbar, is exciting!



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With grateful thanks for the photograph. And also for highlighting the history of the bird and the significance of the sighting.

Red Kites became extinct in England, Scotland and Wales.

It is a bird of prey, which scavenges on waste food.

It had been regarded as a direct threat to food supplies at a time when the human population was growing.

However, Red Kites have now been reintroduced into various locations around Scotland.

The particular bird in the photograph may well have flown all the way from Stirlingshire?

Here are the materials you will need for today's activity.



This recycled plastic bag will make 2 Parachute Kites.



Place 2 lengths of embroidery thread diagonally across the corners.



Flip the corners over and stick the embroidery thread to the plastic with sticky tape.



Pinch the 4 corners together and tie the threads at the mid-point.



Attach a length of twine to that mid-point.

Attach the opposite end of the twine to a piece of scrap card.

Snip and fold the card so that it holds the twine securely.

Your Parachute Kite should look similar to this.



Now all we need in a little wind...😊

PLEASE keep a good hold of your Kite.

Return it home with you.

Have fun!