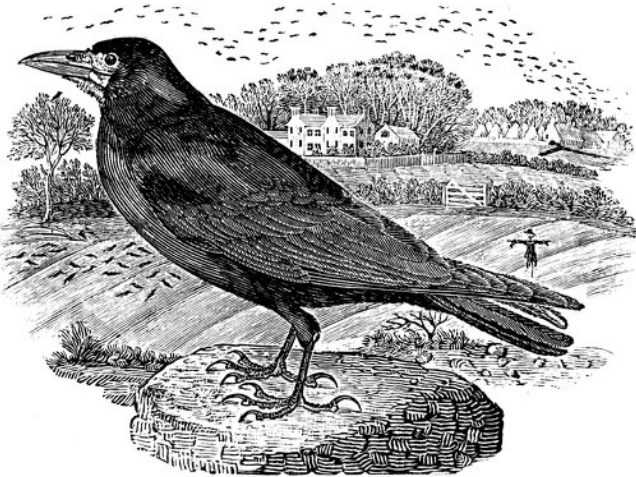


# Great Rookery Survey 2025

Underway is the *Rookeries 2025 (RO25)* project.

**The first Shropshire single-species study recorded entirely on Smart Phone, tablet or online: no paperwork!**

The Rook, a wood engraving by Thomas Bewick (1753-1828) Thanks to the Natural History Society of Northumbria

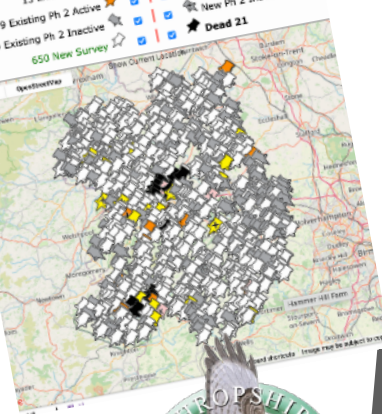
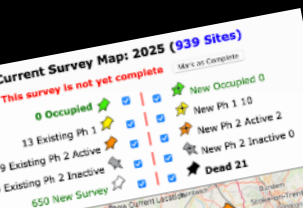


RO25, a Shropshire Ornithological Society (SOS) and *Citizen Science* project, will precisely position and in April nest-count every known, and previously unknown, rookery in the county – around 400 of them.

Report your observations in the field on your *Smart Phone* or tablet and the records are secure.

To spread the workload and ensure whole-county coverage the project is phased. Live progress will be visible onscreen to ensure no wasted effort visiting sites already surveyed and reported.

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Some rookeries on the map are believed to be no longer active – dead – and this needs confirming. Such sites can be reported at any stage, when they will turn black – No further action required.

The survey has three Phases:

**Phase 1: Autumn/Winter** – November to end of January

At this time of year it is easy to spot nests as there is no foliage. Rooks may occasionally be seen socialising too. Please report such promising signs, either for an existing site or what appears to be a newly discovered one.

**Phase 2: Nest Building & Incubating** – February & March

The rooks return and begin preparing nests and laying eggs – it is important to note occupied sites ready for later nest counting

**Phase 3: Nest Counting** – April

Nest numbers will have stabilised and the on the weekend of 19/20 April is the ideal opportunity to count all nests.

The project's aim it to have every rookery recorded and coloured green, or black by the end of April. We are promoting the weekend of 19/20 April as 'Rookery Weekend.'