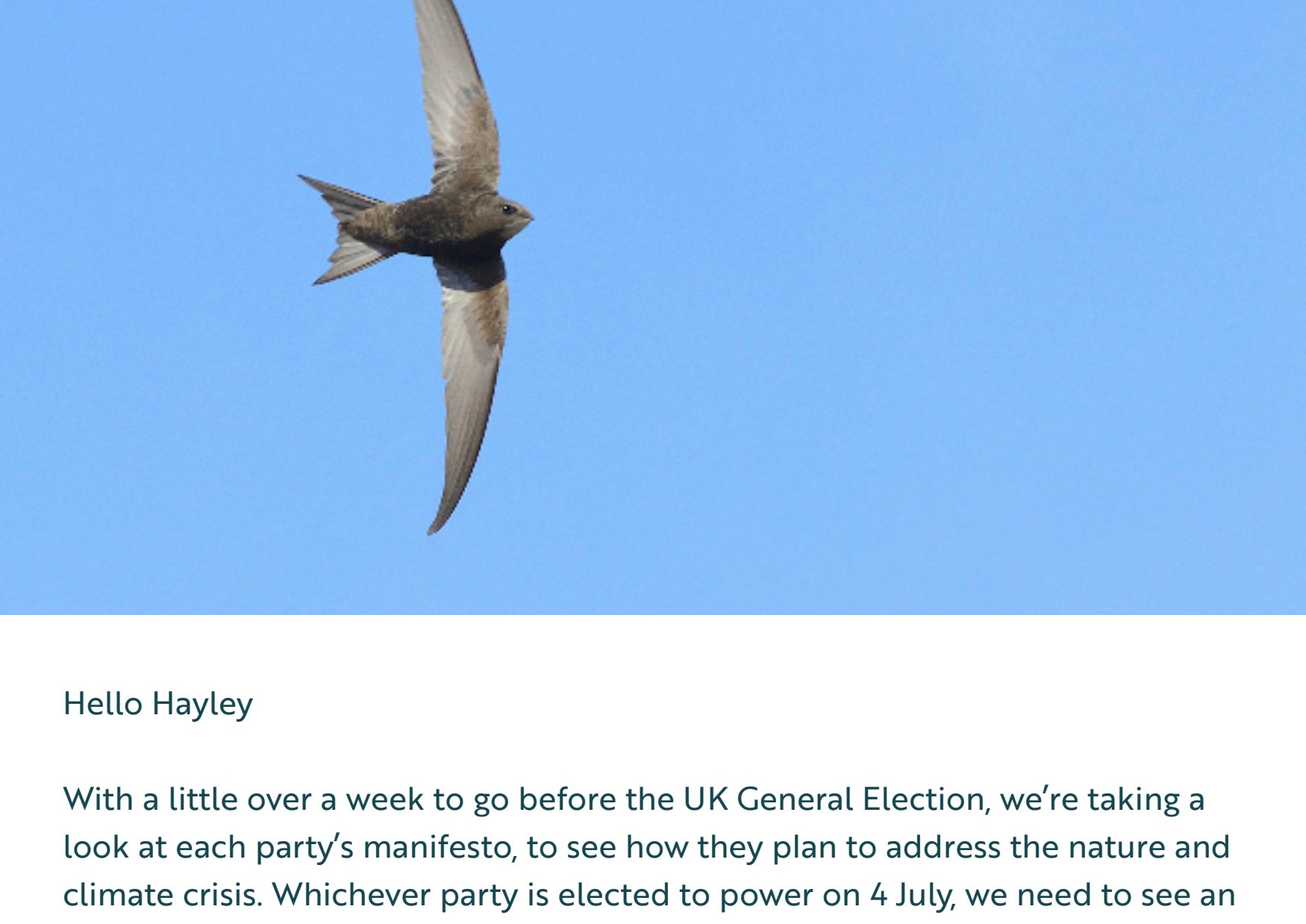


Swift Awareness Week

Join Swift walks, talks and more between 29 June and 7 July.

[Find an event](#)



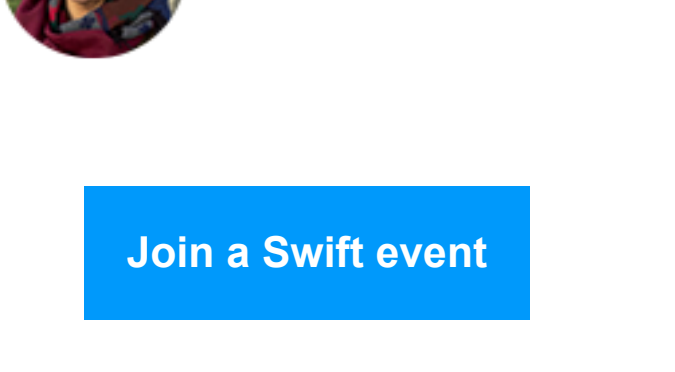
Hello Hayley

With a little over a week to go before the UK General Election, we're taking a look at each party's manifesto, to see how they plan to address the nature and climate crisis. Whichever party is elected to power on 4 July, we need to see an ambitious vision, backed up by funding and action, to ensure nature's recovery. Thank you to every one of you joining us on the [Restore Nature Now march](#) this weekend, helping to ensure that nature's voice is heard in the heart of our democracy.

We're also excited to be celebrating Swift Awareness Week on 29 June – 7 July. To mark the occasion, we get to know some inspirational volunteers who work tirelessly to protect these summer visitors. Plus, you're invited to join a series of **Swift Awareness Week events** – from guided walks to Swift-watching sessions, you won't want to miss them!

Lastly, if you watched BBC *Springwatch* over the last month, you might remember a pair of Peregrines with an unconventional choice of nesting site. We loved watching them raise their brood, so we're taking a closer look at this falcon family and their journey to fledging success.

Whatever you do, have a wonderful wildlife-filled time!



Hayley Hawes
Notes on Nature editor

[Join a Swift event](#)



Peregrine Falcon

Peregrine brood towers over Scottish city

Did you know that you can see one of the UK's most adept predators in the heart of our city centres?

Over the last few weeks, *Springwatch* have put Peregrine Falcons right in the spotlight. Hidden in the heights of Glasgow city centre, the 85m tall Gilbert Scott Tower was recently home to a nest of four chicks – and you may have caught them fledging during the final week of the series.

We're now taking you behind the scenes to see the licensed bird ringers brave the heights of the tower's spire to help gather data for conservation (and give you a closer look at the nest and chicks!).

[Peek at the Peregrines](#)



Cirl Bunting

Nature CAN bounce back

The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. With less than six years left to meet the UK Government's legally binding commitments to halt the decline of species in England by 2030, the upcoming UK General Election is a crucial one for nature.

We encourage you to raise your concerns about nature with candidates and canvassers over the coming days – we've got lots of advice to help you speak up for nature.

[Nature can't wait](#)



Wainwright Prize 2024: Connecting to nature through art

In recent years the growth in nature writing has inspired millions of people to care about restoration. It has advanced campaigns and brought important new ideas and perspectives into the public consciousness. That's why we're very proud to be partnering with the UK's leading nature writing competition – The Wainwright Prize.

Now in its 11th year, the prize was created in famous fell-walker Alfred Wainwright's name to showcase the growing genre of nature writing in the UK and to celebrate and encourage exploration of the outdoors. We will play our part in introducing the work of incredible authors to even more potential readers, and look forward to sharing this with you.

[Read more](#)



Peat bogs at North Uist

Can peatlands save the planet

The UK's peatland habitats are precious. Golden Plovers pick through the invertebrates found in the Sphagnum, while Hen Harriers can be seen scoping out prey overhead – they're a haven for some of our rarest wildlife. But did you know that peatlands are also invaluable to humans in our fight against a changing climate?

Find out more about our peatland restoration projects across the UK, and what easy steps you can take to help protect our peatlands.

[Discover nature's carbon store](#)



Red Admiral butterfly

Need some wildlife-friendly gardening inspiration?

Habitat loss is one of the major threats to wildlife across the UK, and with one in six species at risk of becoming extinct, nature needs your help.

Our gardens can provide a haven for some of our struggling species, so this summer, our team will be visiting the Royal Horticultural Society's shows at Hampton Court and Tatton Park. While you're admiring the award-winning gardens and green spaces, we will be on hand to give you some wildlife-friendly gardening tips to take home!

Plus, if you're one of the first 50 visitors to the RSPB stand, you can claim a free copy of *RSPB British Naturefinder*! Click the link below for your offer code.

RHS Hampton Court Festival, 2 – 7 July
RHS Flower Show Tatton Park, 17 – 21 July

[Claim your code](#)



Join our virtual pride celebration event!

Support pride month this June by joining us on **Tuesday 25 June** at Pride for the Planet, a virtual pride celebration event.

Through engaging discussions and inspiring speakers, *Pride for the Planet* highlights the achievements and struggles of LGBTQ+ individuals working towards a sustainable and inclusive future.

This one-hour event has been organised by the RSPB Starlings and supported by organisations such as the Wildlife Trust (Out for Nature LGBTQIA+ network), National Trust, WWF, Woodland Trust, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), English Heritage, and Cambridge Conservation Initiative (CCI) LGBTQ+ group.

[Sign up now](#)



Live from Restore Nature Now

Today, Saturday 22 June, thousands of us are heading to London for the **Restore Nature Now** march. In the run-up to the UK General Election, we're marching to demand that **all** political parties commit to doing the right thing for nature and for the wildlife we all care about – from the sparrows on our bird feeders to soaring albatrosses on the high seas.

Don't miss out – you can catch all the action with the Restore Nature Now livestream from 1:30pm. Not around to tune in on Saturday? Don't worry – a recording will be available to watch at your convenience!

[Watch the livestream](#)

And finally...



Swift

Introducing the Swift mega fans

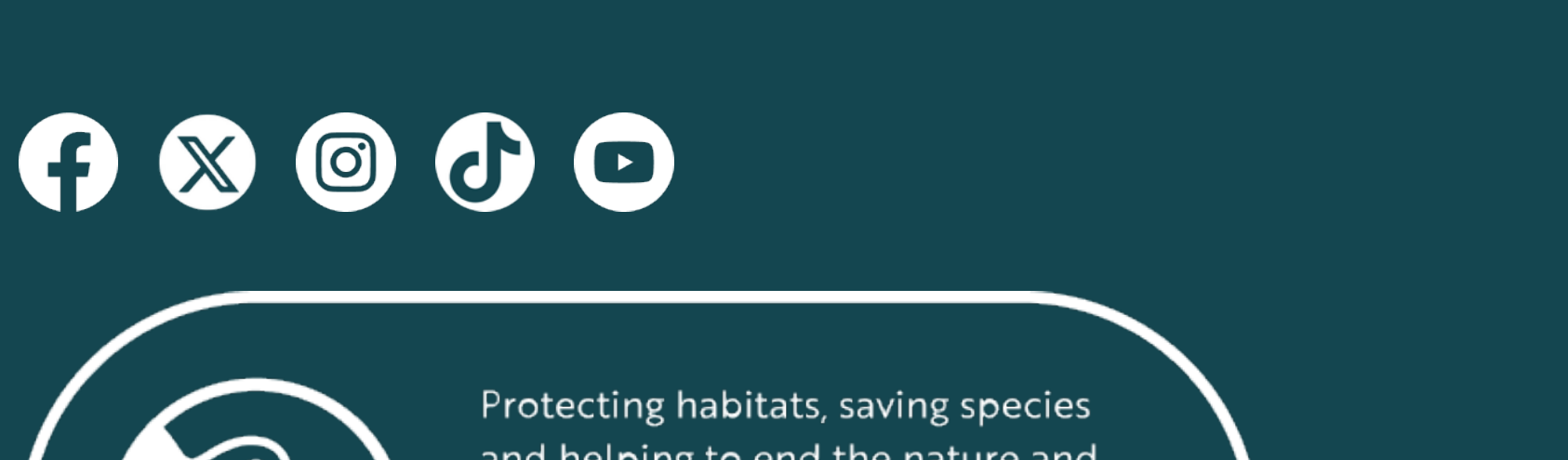
Swifts are facing population declines, but these Red-listed birds have got a big fanbase to support them. In a continuation of our Swift Awareness Week celebrations, we're sharing stories from some Swift lovers who generously donate their time as part of our Species Volunteer Network.

Plus, take a look at this five-minute film, showcasing how Swifts can bring a community together. [Saving the Swifts](#)

Keen to get involved in future projects? Check out the [volunteering opportunities](#) page or email us at: speciesvolunteernetwork@rspb.org.uk. If volunteering isn't for you, keep an eye out for a new way to support Swifts in the RSPB Protect Our Birds, Defend Our Nature fundraiser – coming soon!

[Meet the fans](#)

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Protecting habitats, saving species and helping to end the nature and climate emergency.
Nature is in crisis. Together we can save it.