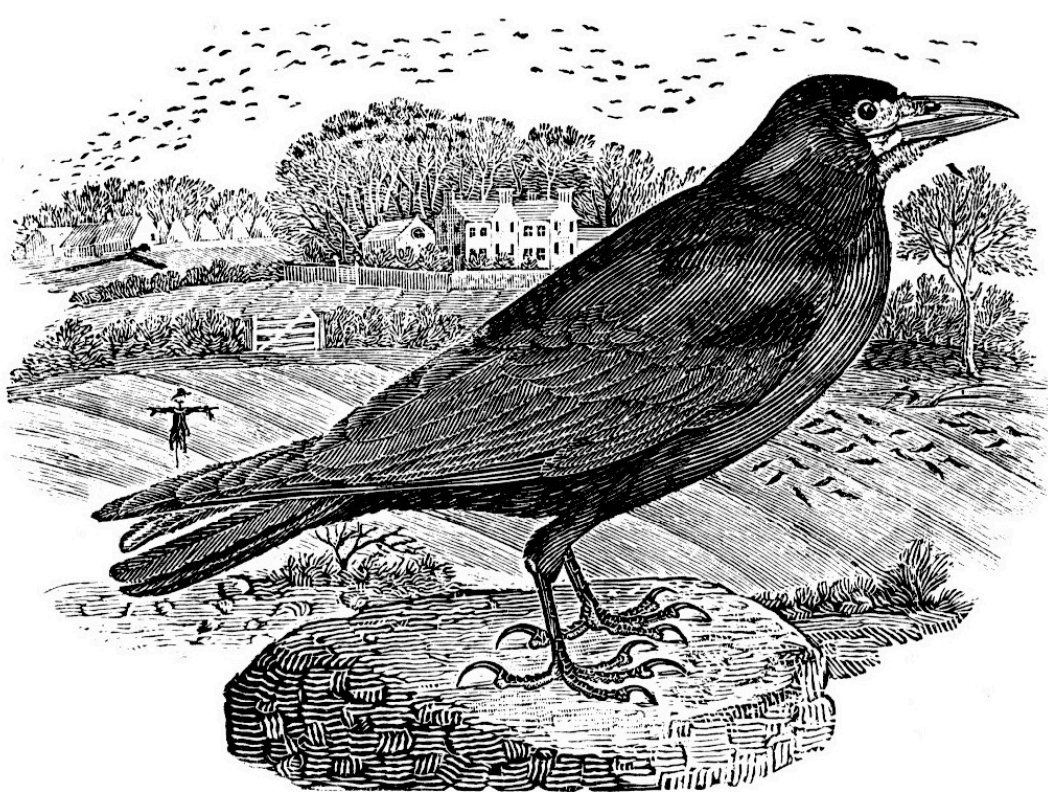


# Shropshire Rookery Survey 2025



**Please pass this on to someone in your neighbourhood who is interested in common birds. Thank you.**

Many people live near rookeries, noisy colonies where these black birds nest.

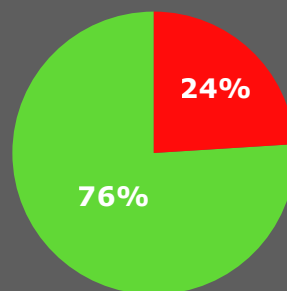
Rooks often return to their colony, on fine days in autumn and winter, to socialise.

Rookeries are usually well-known to people living nearby.



Rookery at Yockleton Church

Shropshire's rooks are in decline.



Recent research shows since **1975** the number of nests in Shropshire has **fallen by almost a quarter** (24%).

**We need your help to update this.**

**Many rookeries are currently unknown.**

This **Citizen Science** project aims to discover all the currently unrecorded rookeries then count the nests in April 2025.

**This is a *Shropshire Ornithological Society* project.**

See **How you can Help** on the back of this note.

**[lanius.org.uk/rookeries/](http://lanius.org.uk/rookeries/)**

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**How you can help this**  
**Citizen Science** project.  
*Shropshire Ornithological Society*

1

While we know the location of 383 active rookeries in Shropshire ... there will be many more unreported, waiting for you to discover and report.

**First – this autumn and winter** we need to be sure of where the rookeries are – so please search for and report them.

**Second – in April 2025** we will ask you to count the nests in your rookeries.



2

This new **Citizen Science** project has been designed for ease of use on your SmartPhone, Laptop or Tablet.

**When you find a rookery, go here:**

**<https://lanius.org.uk/rookeries/>**

You can zoom *in/out* and *move around* on the map to position the rookery you have discovered.

If it is already known you will find it marked by a **green**  or **black**  **push-pin** on the map, *click* or *tap on* it and you will see the site details.

Sometimes the site may be marked slightly “off position” (perhaps in a nearby field!) and you can correct that.

If it's not marked on the map, it's new to the list, **congratulations you have discovered a previously unrecorded rookery.** You can *click* or *tap on* its position, then complete the form.

In spring 2025 we will ask you to count the nests and report the number.

**It's as easy as that. No paper involved.**

When the results are compiled we will inform you about the findings of this county-wide survey.

To register your interest or for further information please contact: John Tucker [rookeries@lanius.org.uk](mailto:rookeries@lanius.org.uk)

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