

Hack Back CIC

The penultimate session of our Guild this year was a real treat for our members when Anita Morris told us of her work with Hack Back CIC. She told us how she moved from company management into management development and team building. An encounter with Falconry led to its incorporation into team building as an interest shared by delegates, but it became apparent that working with birds could be used as a therapy for anyone with significant social barriers such as low self-esteem or low social skills. Anita, a qualified psychologist, trained as a Falconer and used those skills to work with individuals with autism. She told us of the effectiveness of such therapy and the rewards of seeing progress in individual cases.

Our highlight was to see some of the birds; Axel, a Southern White Faced Owl; Mango, a Barn Owl and Murray, a Burrowing Owl. We were transfixed as they stood on the tables before us and it was hard not to be distracted from what Anita was saying as the owls stood there observing us!

It was a most unusual evening and very rewarding. It was good to hear of the work Anita was doing and we really appreciated her time with us.

Brian Fisher.



Axel: White Faced Owl



Mango: Barn Owl



Murray: Burrowing Owl