BARI TOP TIPS

4 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP HARBOUR BIRDS THIRVE

LOOK OUT FOR THE BIRDS 01 Take a minute before setting off to notice the wildlife and

landscape around you.

02 MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT A DISTANCE

Birds see dogs as predators, so keeping your distance and using a lead if you need helps to reduce stress and disturbance.



TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE 03

If you see birds resting or feeding, take a different route to avoid disturbing them. They may be exhausted and hungry from long migrations.

04 SHARE THE MESSAGE!

Help us raise awareness of the importance of reducing disturbance by sharing



BIRDS MIGRATE SOUTH FOR WINTER, TO FOLLOW THE WARMER WEATHER

20,000

OVER 20,000 OVERWINTERING BIRDS DEPEND ON POOLE Harbour for Survival Which is why it is a 'special protected area (spa)

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DIFFERENT SPECIES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OF NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

112%

THE INCREASE OF ACTIVITY ON POOLE HARBOUR SHORELINE SINCE 2011

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BARI THE BIRD & RECREATION INITIATIVE

AMAZING MIGRATIONS

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT

Breed in Iceland. Spend their winters on Brownsea Island and Sandbanks

TURNSTONE

Turnstone migrate from Canada and Greenland. They enjoy their winter's at Kite Beach, Sandbanks

BRENT GOOSE

Breed in Arctic Siberia and spend winters at Baiter Park

WIGEON

Many breed in Iceland and Siberia. They winter in Holes Bay by Upton County Park

OYSTERCATCHER

Joined by their Norwegian cousins in the winter. See them all around the harbour!



WHY DO BIRDS NEED YOUR HELP?

Many species make long migrations to spend winter in Poole Harbour. Once here they need to feed and build up their strength.

Harbour birds can only eat when the tide is low, and the mud and sand is exposed as this is where the food source is.

This means they have a very limited time to eat. If they are disturbed regularly they cant eat enough in one day.

As Poole Harbour becomes busier its harder for birds to feed and rest without being disturbed as so many people use the coastline.



WANT TO HELP? VOLUNTEER WITH US TO HELP PROTECT OUR AMAZING BIRDLIFE!



HOW DO I KNOW WHEN BIRDS ARE BEING

DISTURBED?



Birds will call louder to each other when they feel threatened as a danger warning

They will move away from you by walking or swimming to keep a safe distance

They will fly away (flushing)