

# Video transcription with timings for Kielder Water Heritage Project

## Water Vole Herding: Martin Davison, Forestry Commission Ornithologist

Time	Speaker	Discussion
0.00	Martin	<p>Well it all boils down to the fact that when we were little kids, you know, 10, 11 something like that, we'd go down to the local quarry, Merryshields at Stocksfield. And them days, you know, you just roamed around all over the place and basically you would get some mud blocks, you know, they'd be clarts or whatever and make a 'corrall' you know with a flange to come into the actual 'corrall' area. [0.24] Obviously watched the telly and seen them do this on the, cowboys and Indians type of thing. And then we'd go to the back into the rough grassland, the junk and grassland, that sort of thing, and you know there'd be three or four of us and we'd walk through and occasionally we'd actually catch something and certainly on two occasions we actually caught a water vole. [0.46] And I remember it vividly running round and round and round inside this corrall, you know cos they're quite big things and as a child you're quite excited about this and you know it was just fantastic you know. It actually worked for a start off you know. They were very common, you know, there was a lot of them. [1.04] When you were down there catching minnows or whatever you'd often hear the plop, plop, plop of them going all over the place, there were just, you know you thought nowt about it, they were just there, and so it was just one more type of thing to do as a bairn, you know, summer holidays type of thing you know</p>