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## FUN FACTS ABOUT OWL PELLETS

Get ready to explore some fascinating facts about owl pellets, right in your own backyard. These amazing discoveries are waiting for you to uncover. Let's dive into the world of owl pellets and have a blast!



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## Fact 1: Owl Treasure Hunt Did you know that owls in Birmingham leave behind hidden treasures? When owls eat their prey, they can't digest the bones and fur, so they cough them up as pellets. It's like finding a special surprise left behind by an owl in your own neighbourhood!

Fact 2: Detective Adventure
Owl pellets turn you into a super sleuth! By
dissecting owl pellets, you become a
detective and solve mysteries. You might find
tiny skulls, bones, and teeth, which can help
you identify the animals that owls have
hunted right here in Birmingham.

Fact 3: Size Surprise Owl pellets come in different sizes, depending on the size of the owl and the prey it has eaten. Some pellets are as small as your thumb, while others can be as big as a ping pong ball! It's amazing how something so small can hold so much information.



Fact7: Silent Flyers

Have you ever heard an owl fly? Probably not!

Owls have special feathers that make their flight nearly silent. This stealthy ability helps them sneak up on their prey without making a sound, even here in the busy city of Birmingham.

Fact 8: Nature's Balance Keepers
Owls play an important role in the local
ecosystem. By hunting small mammals like
mice and voles, they help keep the population
in balance right here in Birmingham. Owls are
like nature's pest control experts, making
sure our city stays healthy.

Fact 9: Owl Species Around Us
Guess what? Birmingham is home to several
owl species! From the barn owl to the tawny
owl, each species has its own unique
characteristics and adaptations. Keep an eye
out for these magnificent creatures right in
your own neighbourhood!

Fact 10: Fun Fact Challenge
Here's a challenge for you, Can you find out
more about the owls in Birmingham? Research
the local owl species and try to identify their
specific pellets. You might uncover
fascinating facts about the owls that share
our wonderful city!

Unscramble the letters to reveal the names of different types of owls.

LOBW

Answer:

**GERTAENSHW** 

Answer:

**ONSW** 

Answer:

**BORWNE** 

Answer:

**HSOOT** 

**Answer:** 

Word Bank:

Snowy

**Great Horned** 

Barn

Brown

**Short-eared** 

Fact 4: Nature's Recyclers Owls in Birmingham are nature's recycling experts. Instead of wasting the remains of their meals, they regurgitate them as pellets. These pellets provide nutrients for other organisms, making sure that nothing goes to waste in our local environment.

Fact 5: Owl Pellet Art Fun Let your creativity shine with owl pellets! You can use the bones and fur found in owl pellets to create unique artworks. Make your own masterpiece by gluing the bones onto paper or cardboard. Owl pellet art lets you combine science and creativity right here in Birmingham!

Fact 6: Night time Wizards Owls have magical night vision, perfect for hunting in the dark. Their eyes are specially designed to gather even the tiniest bit of light, helping them spot their prey. It's like having built-in night vision goggles!

## **OWLS**

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