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**LLANDEGLEY STARLING ROOST 20 MINUTE PHOTOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE**



A sequence of 21 images recording the movements of thousands of starlings over a period of twenty minutes as they came in to roost. Viewpoint 3 (OS: 133601) is on the West side of the plantation, the site of the proposed turbines.

The starlings began to arrive at 16.50pm, with a small murmuration attracting raptors, including merlin, peregrine, sparrow hawk and buzzards. The birds continued to stream in from the West and North West for the next twenty five minutes, with the numbers expanding into a massive murmuration at 17.10pm, which spilled back over the fields to the West of the plantation. At times the flock completely covered the kilometre length of the plantation, with the birds finally settling at 17.20pm. Small groups of birds were still arriving in the twilight as we were leaving. Whilst descending the bank along the Bye-way in the dusk, considerable numbers of redwing and fieldfare were flying in low to the Northern end of the wood.

To witness this spectacular event in such a tranquil and beautiful location is truly inspiring.

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