

Video transcription with timings for Kielder Water Heritage Project

Mink Monitoring in Kielder: Kelly Hollings, Northumberland Wildlife Trust

Time	Speaker	Discussion
0.00	Kelly	This is one of our 40 mink rafts that we have throughout the Kielder Forest. I check the ones around Bakethin and a team of volunteers check a good thirty-odd rafts for us throughout the forest. [0.17] As you can see, it's a recycled plastic frame and inside we have a tray, oasis, this green stuff, keeps everything moist and then the clay that sits on top is our tool to collect footprints if we did have any mink or indeed any other creatures, they would just kindly leave their prints for us and we would record them. [0.40] We've had about a thousand records to date. We've only had one potential mink, but we weren't able to confirm that. We've found otter, cat, rat and all sorts of bird prints as well. And at the moment this raft is at the bottom of Kielder Water at Yarrow. We have all of them scattered throughout the forest in different locations.