



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Discover the world of crocodiles at the UK's only Crocodile Zoo**

Tucked away in the Cotswolds countryside is one of Oxfordshire's best kept secrets, and probably the most unlikely place you'd expect to come across over 100 crocodiles from around the World. It's true - Oxfordshire is home to the UK's only Crocodile Zoo, where you can come face to face with some of the world's most feared predators in a safe and fun environment.

Crocodiles of the World in Brize Norton houses the widest collection of crocodiles and alligators in the Europe, including endangered species. Here you can learn about their conservation, biology, habitats, watch them be fed and even hold a baby alligator. With talks, feeds and animal encounters every 30 minutes, there's plenty to keep you entertained, including some very cheeky meerkats and laughing kookaburras to add some outdoor excitement.

Founded in 2011 by crocodile conservationist Shaun Foggett, the zoo was originally located at Crawley Mill, Witney and moved to larger premises in Brize Norton, former Foxbury Farm site, in 2014. It's been an exciting two years at the zoo, with the addition of a new education room for talks and school visits, new exhibits and the successful breeding of a variety of species, including critically endangered Siamese Crocodiles.

Crocodiles of the World Foundation, a registered charity, is committed to advancing crocodylian conservation and promoting awareness of environmental issues affecting crocodiles. By dispelling the myth that crocodiles are vermin, or a dangerous nuisance, Shaun and the rest of the croc team are committed to making the world a more compassionate place for crocodiles.

The zoo provides educational and outreach visits and are delighted to be attending the **Shutford Summer Festival on Saturday 18 June 2016** ([www.shutfordvillage.com](http://www.shutfordvillage.com)). Accompanied by their scaly friends, the croc team will be on hand to answer questions and provide an insight into these amazing animals.

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