



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Warriner School**

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Yesterday Warriner School in Bloxham was the focus for an official presentation. The school has enthusiastically become the custodian of a breeding group of rare breed poultry and partner in the Total Butler Conservation Breeding Programme. This combined venture between the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST), Brackley Farming Club, Barclays Bank and Total Butler will be part of an ongoing education programme at the school and help prevent the loss of a rare breed of poultry.

Warriner School Farm is one of only a handful of working farms attached to a state-funded comprehensive school in Britain and in 2004 it was awarded the NFU Countryside Rural School of the year award in recognition of its efforts.

The RBST a registered charity, formed in 1973 is the only national organisation dedicated to protect over 70 breeds of Britain's native farm livestock. Total Butler is the main UK distributor for petroleum company Total.

Since being placed at the school 12 eggs have been hatched. The Old English Pheasant Fowl is listed on the RBST Watchlist in Category 1, critical, with less than 100 adult females. Both the school and the RBST would like to build on this success by setting up another breeding group of rare breed poultry in the near future.

For further information telephone Warriner School Farm on 01295 721471 or the RBST on 024 7669 6551.

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Notes for Editors

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust is a charity established in 1973 dedication to the conservation of rare breeds of farm livestock. It currently looks after over 70 native breeds.

Photographs are available if required to accompany the story.

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