

## Gordon Riddle – South Strathclyde RSG

Gordon Riddle has studied kestrels in south-west Scotland for over 40 years, in addition to raising a family, working as a teacher and later as the Principal at Culzean Country Park in Ayrshire. His application, diligence and thoroughness have been exemplary and he is recognised as a leading authority on this species. His encyclopaedic knowledge of kestrel biology, ecology and behaviour can only have come from decades of detailed observation in the field. He has published papers and articles on the kestrel, as well as two books: *Seasons with the Kestrel* (1991) and *Kestrels for Company* (2011). In addition to all this, Gordon was a founder member of the South West Raptor Group in the early 1980s and has been the Chair of the South Strathclyde Raptor Study Group for 30 years. Finally, Gordon is a great ambassador for not only the kestrel but for raptors in general. His calm, reasonable, rational and gentlemanly approach has done raptor workers and raptors a great service.