What started out as a hobby soon became a family business for the Tobutts, who run Garden Quail Eggs (www.gardenguails. com), selling eggs from free-to-fly birds to local food outlets. A few birds purchased at an agricultural show soon become a large flock and Nik has now given up the day job to concentrate on the business. The birds are kept in

large, open-air runs where they are free to fly and roost in deep straw, in an environment designed to mirror their natural heathland habitat.