

## And now for something completely different

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I took this yesterday in Belfast, where the funeral I attended took place.



That's a hooded crow, which is common in Ireland and the west and far north of Scotland, but nowhere else in the British Isles.

It's a great corvid, which as whole are amongst the most intelligent of birds. During an emotional day, that was good to see.