

# Bisham Nest Box Group



[www.bnbg.org.uk](http://www.bnbg.org.uk)

Email: [info@bnbg.org.uk](mailto:info@bnbg.org.uk) Tel 07778 507085

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SWIFT NEST BOXES

### Swift Nest-Boxes – What we offer:

Thank you for registering your interest in having a Swift nest-box supplied by us. BNBG is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration number 5067319. We are a small group of volunteers who build and install nest-boxes at cost price and are not experts on location or other aspects of Swift conservation. A great deal of helpful knowledge and advice is available on the Internet from groups such as:

Swift Conservation <http://www.swift-conservation.org/>

Action for Swifts <http://actionforswifts.blogspot.co.uk/>

Bristol Swifts <http://www.bristolswifts.co.uk/>

and our local group [www.helpourswifts.co.uk](http://www.helpourswifts.co.uk)

The box designs that we use have been created from these sources. If you buy nest-boxes from us you will be given a document which details BNBG's insurance cover, Health and Safety responsibility etc. On completion, responsibility for the box passes to the purchaser.

### Numbers

Swifts nest in colonies, not in isolation, so we only offer nest boxes which have a minimum of two nest compartments. You should consider having more than one box if you have space on your building, but you could always add more later if you get a colony established.

### Location

Swifts are only attracted to buildings, so our boxes are designed to be fixed to a wall, either below the eaves or on a gable-end. In some cases we may undertake to supply custom-made boxes to suit the particular site. The box location must be clear of any flight obstructions and must be at least five metres from ground level. This is because Swifts swoop straight into the nest and dive out straight into flight when they leave. Experts recommend location on north, west or east-facing walls, to minimise exposure to hot sunshine. Our boxes are normally treated with a timber preservative but can be painted white to help to reflect the sun if a south-facing location is the only available. Installation BNBG will only offer to install boxes if there is clear and safe access for our ladders and only up to a height that we can safely reach. We will need to drill holes in the wall to provide suitable anchorage points. We will supply boxes for customers to install themselves or to be installed by a contractor having the necessary equipment to reach the required location and height. We do not offer to sub-contract installation and sourcing a suitable company is in the hands of the customer.

### Attracting Swifts to your nest-box

Swifts are with us only from May to late August while they breed. Birds seeking new nest locations will try to find sites near an existing colony but can be encouraged to occupy nest-boxes provided for them where they fly regularly when searching for food. The use of an audio system to play recordings of their calls has been found to greatly increase the chances of new boxes being occupied. We can give information on where such equipment and recordings can be purchased and we can install and set up the equipment if you purchase a nest box from us. Whether or not call recordings are used BNBG make no guarantee as to the success of our nest-boxes being used by Swifts. Other breeds, such as Sparrows or Starlings, may occupy the boxes.