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# Sheffield's Swifts Need Homes - You Can Help - and Boost Your Biodiversity Credentials Too!

**Pop up a Swift Box! Stick in a Nest Brick!**

Each May, Sheffield skies fill with the spectacular scream of returning **Swifts** - one of Britain's most loved and symbolic summer birds.

Yet, in a single generation, **numbers have fallen by almost 70%**, placing them on the **UK Red List**.

The reason? **Loss of nesting sites**.

Swifts nest exclusively in small gaps under eaves and tiles of our buildings - spaces that are increasingly sealed through roof repairs, insulation, and redevelopment. If these gaps continue to disappear, so will our swifts.

The good news: **we can easily change this**.



Could swift bricks help bird populations grow?



## Why Commercial and Service Buildings Matter

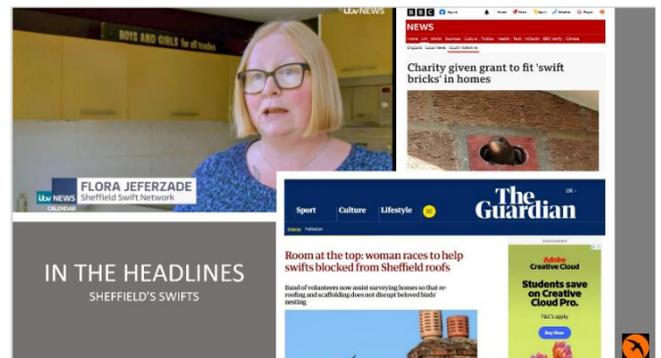
**Swifts are entirely dependent on human structures.**

By installing nest sites on your property, you can make a measurable difference to swift conservation - right here in Sheffield.

Adding **swift bricks or nest boxes** is simple, low-cost, and long-lasting. They create no mess or disturbance: swifts are exceptionally clean, quiet tenants and return faithfully to the same nest each year- nests which will be used for generations.

### Benefits for Commercial Property Owners

- **Positive Publicity & CSR Value** - Swift projects regularly appear in national and local media
- **Biodiversity & Sustainability Leadership** - Visible support for Sheffield's Local Nature Recovery Strategy and UK species restoration goals.
- **Community Engagement** - Swifts inspire strong community pride and connect your business visibly with urban wildlife protection.
- **Long-term Impact** - Each nest can host generations of birds



# What You Can Do

## Option 1 – Stick in a Nest Brick

- Permanent, maintenance-free solution retrofitted into brick or stone walls.
- From **£38 + VAT + delivery** (plus fitting).
- Ideal during refurbishments or repointing works.

[How to Install a Swift Brick →](#)

## Option 2 – Pop up a Swift Box

- Surface-mounted, durable and easy to fit.
- Starting from **£31 + VAT + delivery** depending on model.
- Multiple materials and colours available to match your façade.

[Recommended Boxes & Suppliers →](#)

- **Option 3 – Add a Swift Caller**

- Plays recorded calls to attract swifts to new sites.
- Standard model from **£65**, solar-powered version **£160**.

[Learn more here →](#)

## Professional Fitting

Local, fully insured installers such as [Nestworks](#) can handle installation safely at modest cost (from **£160 half day**).

If scaffolding or external works are already planned – it's the perfect moment to add nest spaces.



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## Ideal Locations

- Minimum height **4.5 m** (two storeys) with clear **5 m** flight path.
- Avoid tree cover or nearby perching spots for predators.
- North or east-facing elevations preferred; avoid full south unless shaded.

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## A Partnership that Inspires

Hosting nest sites offers a unique way for Sheffield's businesses, schools, and public buildings to show environmental leadership while helping to secure the future of this iconic bird.

In 2025, similar projects in South Yorkshire generated strong **public, media, and community response**, celebrating organisations that made space for swifts.

Your building could be next.

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## Let's Get Started

We offer **free, no-obligation advice** on what suits your building, space, and budget.

Just contact us, and we'll come to your location, evaluate the property, provide a range of options, and guide you throughout the entire process.

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**Add a nest brick or swift box - and give Sheffield's skies their soundtrack back.**