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Could your school help Sheffield's young swifts?

Swifts are Red Listed and in serious decline, largely because suitable nesting spaces are disappearing.

Your school can help by creating safe nest sites. This supports swift conservation, strengthens sustainability work, and gives pupils a memorable way to learn about migration, ecology and local wildlife.

Swifts are clean, low-maintenance birds: they do not land on the ground, create very little mess, and return to the same nest each year.

We offer free school talks and or site assessments.

School talks work best with smaller classes and eco-groups. They last around 30 minutes for KS1 or 45 minutes for KS2 and include age-appropriate slides, short videos, a Q&A and artificial nest samples for pupils to handle and discuss.



Free Site Assessments

If don't require a talk but would like to add artificial nests, we can assess your building and provide a tailored advice sheet.

The assessment identifies whether swift bricks or boxes could work on your building. We advise on suitable options for your site and budget and can bring samples to help you decide.

As a small charity, we cannot fund boxes or installation, but we can help you choose suitable products and support the ordering process once funding is secured.

Swift bricks: from £38 + VAT + fitting

Because swifts return to the same nest for many years, we favour swift bricks as a secure, long-term option. They should be fitted at a minimum height of 4.5 metres. Built into the wall, they require no maintenance and may also support other small bird species.



Variety of fascia available to suit



Inside a swift brick. NB nest cup



Swift brick in situ

Swift brick Installation costs

If you do not have your own contractor, Nestworks can assess and install swift bricks or boxes. They are insured, experienced and complete risk assessments before work begins. Typical fitting costs from ladders are £100 for the first brick and £50 for each additional brick, subject to site conditions.



Swift boxes: from £31–£500 + VAT + fitting

We recommend durable boxes designed to last 25–50 years. Options vary by style, colour and budget, and samples can be brought to school talks or site visits to help you choose.



Possible free swift box installation

Free swift box installation may become available through a developing collaboration with OpenReach, Local arrangements are still being confirmed. If free fitting is not available, we can help you arrange installation through local company Nestworks or work with your chosen contractor.

We hope your school will consider inviting us to give a talk, provide a nesting place for swifts, or both. Do get in touch we'd love to hear from you.

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