

SWIFT NEST BOXES AT KENFIG HILL RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



Pyle Community Council has declared the villages of Pyle and Kenfig Hill to be 'Swift Friendly' communities. We have a small population of nesting Swifts in the area and the Community Council is working to ensure they can continue to have nest sites here.

Swifts are iconic summer visitors, arriving in early May, after a journey of over 3,000 miles from Africa, and leaving in mid-August to make the long trip back. Long lived, they are loyal to their partners and return to the same nest site year after year. Swifts live all aspects of their lives on the wing until the breeding season and young birds take 3-4 years to mature. Their nests are typically found in small gaps under the eaves of older houses and other buildings.

This enigmatic bird has declined by over 50% in recent years and is a priority for conservation action. The cause of the decline is not understood. However, many sites have been lost due to building renovation or demolition, while new buildings typically do not provide many nesting opportunities for Swifts.

Pyle Community Council have purchased six nest boxes which have been sited at Kenfig Hill Rugby Football club, free of charge by Mr Huw Beatty. The boxes were sited with advice from Ms Strinda Davies, a Trustee of Glamorgan Bird Club, as part of the Community Council's commitment to provide Swifts with somewhere safe to nest.

The Community Council would like to thank Mr Beatty and Ms Davies for their help with this project.