

Swift Update: The SG Swift Project

Before nesting season 2023 ended a magnificent total of 64 boxes and seven swift-callers had been installed in the village by Sarah Davis of Swift2Save Swifts in collaboration with Hampshire Swifts.

SHEG has mapped and uploaded the box and caller locations to their website: <https://www.shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk/birds> The map includes the beautiful slate-topped custom-made boxes for Christ Church which Alison Harding reported on before the summer illustrating how boxes can be crafted to suit a variety of buildings.

What's next? It's now all about monitoring. Play your swift-caller starting Spring 2024 when the birds arrive from Africa and keep the SG Swift Project updated with developments at: theshamleygreenswiftproject@gmail.com

It takes on average 2-3 breeding seasons for swifts to note a new nesting site and take up residence, in the meantime sparrows may move in. Sparrows are on the Red List too so giving them a home is good news and they should help the swifts spot a good nesting opportunity. Keep your eyes to the skies!

