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General Advice on installing Swift Nest Boxes

Thank you for your enquiry to Lewes Swift Supporters, (LSS), about your wish to purchase and install one or more Swift nest boxes on your property.

You can greatly increase the chance that your box(es) will be occupied by Swifts if you follow certain guidelines. For example, Swifts are more likely to occupy your box if:

- it is on the North side,
- it is a least 4.5m above the ground and
- it has a reasonably clear flight path into the box.

The boxes we generally recommend are from Peak Boxes (single, double or triple for an apex):

<https://peakboxes.co.uk/shop-swift-boxes>

Being gregarious, the chances of swifts occupying the box(es) are increased if you play a swift call for a couple of hours a day from May to the end of July: <https://peakboxes.co.uk/shop-sound-systems>

Here is a link to more advice from Swift Conservation:

https://www.swift-conservation.org/Leaflet_1_Swifts_Nest-boxes_at_Your_Home-small.pdf

If you live in Lewes and would like further advice, we can arrange for someone to visit your home to advise you on the best place to locate your box(es).

Swifts are very clean birds and they do not leave deposits of droppings outside the nest box, as House Martins and some other birds do. The parent birds eat most of the chicks' droppings, possibly for their mineral content, so the nests do not require cleaning out at the end of each season.

