

Swift Conservation
St Mary's Parish Church Eco Committee Survey
2014

We waited in high anticipation for this summer's arrival of the swifts that come to us each year from sub-Saharan Africa. They were first seen in the skies above Kirkintilloch in early May and were observed regularly along with swallows and martins, our other summer visitors, throughout a three-month period until they departed in mid-August.

The Eco Committee of St Mary's Parish Church, the Mugdock Country Park Rangers and the charity "Concern for Swifts" are collaborating in a scheme to encourage these extraordinary birds, now classified as "endangered", to return to Kirkintilloch and District in future years.

The plan is to erect specially designed nesting boxes in strategic sites identified in the survey conducted during the summer. We are greatly indebted to the Third Year students of Kirkintilloch High School who made such an excellent job of constructing four boxes - in their own time - and to Claire Kirker, PT Design & Technology, for co-ordinating their efforts.

As still more nesting boxes are required Mugdock Rangers have planned a FREE and exciting event;-

"Build a Nest Box for Kirkintilloch's Swifts"

Saturday 22 November, 1pm - 3pm.

All materials and tools will be provided.

Children should bring an adult.

Meet the Mugdock Rangers in St Mary's Parish Church car park

Next to the canal, Cowgate, Kirkintilloch, G66 1JT

Why not come along and help build new homes for these fascinating birds.