



Dear fellow nature lover

Happy New Year to you all,

Together all of us who care about nature and biodiversity can make such a difference by engaging in modest nature friendly activities and collectively making a big impact.

After the lovely summer open garden weekend when so many of you pledged to be pesticide free for nature, and the inspiring talk in Netherthong by Linda Jenkinson about the life of the swift and how our actions can help its survival, it is time to think about group activities for 2026.

The RSPB organise a people's national bird count at the end of January and wouldn't it be a splendid thing if we all joined in. Assessing the numbers of our wild birds is crucial for measuring the health of our habitats. Here is link to the Big Garden BirdWatch 2026. <https://youtu.be/vwLfze0EVYs>

In other news we have succeeded in getting Openreach to install swift boxes in Netherthong as part of their collaboration with the RSPB. Employees of Open reach do this on their volunteer days and we are waiting to hear what days they have allocated to Netherthong. If you would like to be part of this please let me know.

If you are interested in purchasing a swift box, Leeds Swift Conservation Group recommend looking on [swift-conservation.org](http://swift-conservation.org) website for "action for swifts trading ltd". where there are details on how to buy swift boxes that suit your house.

The children of Netherthong school are eager to put up swift nest boxes and have identified a five berth nesting box and will be organising a fund raising event to cover the cost.

There are plenty more ideas that we can do together. Please look at Team Wilder on [www.YWT.org](http://www.YWT.org).

Best wishes

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# Geology 101 Report

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