

March Newsletter.

At what has been a rainy start to the year it is encouraging to learn that many of us are making plans for the spring and a couple of sunny days has raised our spirits. We have had a great response from the residents of Netherthong who would like to help the swift colony by putting up additional nest boxes.

We have already received from Action for Swifts Trading Ltd. Delivered in person by Jim who built them over in Norfolk but we are still waiting to hear from Openreach about when they will be here to put up the boxes.

Alison has been to talk to some of the children at Netherthong School who are excited about putting up swift boxes on their school. They have taken ownership of a five chamber swift box which will go up on the gable of their school building and devoted two school assemblies to learning about these amazing birds. They are now fundraising for a call box to encourage the swifts to the new nest boxes when they return and are also going to plant some insect friendly plants to improve the food supply for the birds. They are also going to tell everyone about swifts.

We should all be thinking about beneficial plants in our gardens. Native plants that offer food and cover are one of the most important things that gardeners can do.

Team Wilder , a project lead by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is encouraging everyone to think about the nature benefits of their garden

Here is a game that anyone can play to make you think about the beneficial elements in your garden.



Please get in touch if you have any ideas for communal nature based activities. We are planning a bat walk and talk (more details to follow) this spring.