

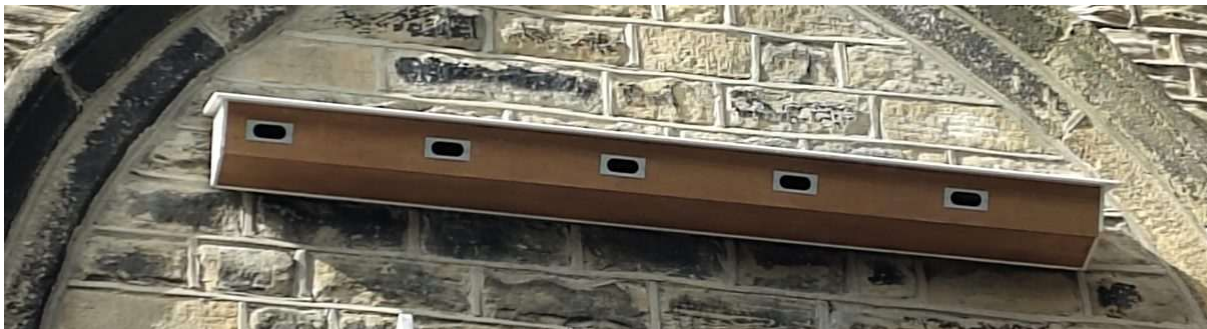


Holme Valley Urban Nature Reserves May 2026

The first swallows have arrived. The swift box installation project is going ahead in Netherthong. Soon we will be able to call Netherthong a Swift Village!

The RSPB are pleased at the interest shown and the village will be included in their catalogue of local projects.

A five bay swift box is now in situ on Netherthong school and other boxes are going up this week.



Our boxes were delivered personally by Jim from Action for Swifts Trading Ltd, who had built the boxes for us.

We also now have a volunteer who will monitor the swift numbers throughout the summer and the information will be added to the Huddersfield Birdwatchers Annual inventory of local bird populations (www.huddersfieldbirdwatchersclub.co.uk).

The local school children have pledged to watch for the return of the swifts and report back. They are busy raising money for insect friendly plants to provide food for the birds and a swift call system to attract the birds to the new site.



It continues to be so important that we nature loving gardeners do not use pesticides and slug pellets in our gardens.

The first week of May is Hedgehog Awareness Week. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society offer excellent tips on how to make your garden hedgehog friendly. (www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk).

It is also the time to promote No Mow May. See www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay for uplifting evidence of the benefit of doing this for nature.

Finally, we will be at Honley Show on the 27th June in the countryside tent recruiting new urban wild life enthusiasts to our cause. See you there!



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