

### Swift Box Project

Hello Tina,

Do you recall talking to me at the Greengage Community Garden open day in September that was part of the Planet Purbeck Festival week?

I wonder if you've had chance to think further about the possibility of using Town Council properties in Swanage as locations for installing swift nest boxes. In particular the area around the Town Hall on the High Street is a very popular area for swifts to nest as they currently nest at the front of the building and at the back near the police offices.

They are communal creatures and prefer to be in close proximity to other swifts so the presence of one swift nest encourages others plus they return to exactly the same nest site each year and their offspring try to locate very close by. One of the problems all around the UK is the lack of nest sites as buildings are repaired and insulated so that suitable places are closed up. The addition of external nest boxes avoids this problem and does not interfere with the buildings. They need to be located high up under the eaves where they are sheltered from bad weather but at the same time allow clear air space for swifts to fly in at their usual 'break neck' speeds.

Swifts are now enjoying the sunshine and insects of Africa and will not return until May next year so we have until then to find possible sites and add nest boxes. We have made a few nest boxes at Greengage (funded by the local Swanage Swift Group) and can make more if we can find sites to locate them. There are already quite a few located around Swanage. In particular we erected two on the side of the Swanage Town Hall B&B earlier this year which can be viewed from the police car park. They have not yet been occupied but it could take a few years before this happens as older birds are loyal to their old nest sites and it takes time for a new pair or younger birds to find a place of their own.

If you need any more information, please let me know. I normally look around the old part of Swanage in the winter months for any properties that have scaffolding in place which allows easy access to erect nest boxes. Stafford Road is a possible new location as swifts already nest there.

Sometime over the next few months we will be arranging an evening talk about swifts in Swanage. The person (Edward Mayer) who runs swift conservation [Swift Conservation Homepage \(swift-conservation.org\)](http://swift-conservation.org) will be the speaker and he is very knowledgeable and interesting to listen to.



#### Swift Conservation Homepage

Swifts are the most exciting birds you can have over your village, town or city, but they are in sad decline. Find out everything you need to know to help them survive and thrive and enliven your skies for now and far into the future

[swift-conservation.org](http://swift-conservation.org)

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If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know. We will advertise when arrangements have been made.

I hope that you can help and look forward to hearing from you.

Culvin Milmer

Visitor Services and Business Development Manager

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**Draft Significant One Off Revenue Expenditure/Minor Works 2023/24**

<u>Ref:</u>	<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Project Cost</u>
<u>New projects for 2023/24</u>			
1	Roads/Misc Areas	Station Approach-Planning & consultation	10,000
2	Roads/Misc Areas	Panorama Road-Professional Advice	10,000
3	Central Services	Town Hall & Annexe external redecoration	50,000
4	Public Conveniences	Burlington Chine-Pipe repairs	35,000
5	Vehicles & Equipment	Front Loader	7,000
6	TIC	Front of house changes	10,000
7	Parks & Gardens	Electricity-PAG	10,000
8	Beaches & Foreshore	Quay & Slipway repairs	35,000
9	Parks & Gardens	Wifi-PAG	5,000
10	Parks & Gardens	Path Repairs - Recreation Ground	20,000
11	Parks & Gardens	Accessibility works	5,000
12	Parks & Gardens	St Marks enhancements	7,000
13	Beach Gardens	Awning	6,500
			<b>210,500</b>

## Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 -2025/26

Project Ref:	Project	2022/23 Estimate	2022/23 Forecast for Year	2023/24 Estimate	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate
		£	£	£	£	£
1	Play Areas/Skate Park					
a	King Georges Skate Park	25,000	25,000	15,000		
b	King George's Play Area		42,490			
2	Cemetery					
	Godlingston Extension		30,295			
3	Parks					
	Days Park- Footpath Lighting Installation		70,000	37,000		
4	Station Approach					
	Infrastructure Improvements	10,000	0		120,000	
5	Downs					
	Peveril Point Stabilisation Scheme	75,000	0	95,000		
6	Seafront Coastal Defence Projects (Incorporating)					
a	Stone Quay - Reconstruction and Bonding	50,000	0			
b	Seafront Coastal Defence Works				450,000	
7	Depot					
	External/Shelter was(Mezzanine Decking)	22,000	0	15,750		
8	Spa					
	Stabilisation & Regeneration	300,000	0	300,000	585,000	585,000
9	Environmental					
	Carbon Neutral 2030 Implementation	36,000	0	670,000		
10	Beach Gardens					
	Tennis Court Resurfacing	29,000	32,375			
11	Capital Grants					
	S&PDT - Football Club redevelopment	90,000	0			220,000
12	Vehicles					
a	Tractor	30,000	30,750			
b	Trimax Snake	0	24,450			
c	Electric Flatbed Truck			45,000		
13	Tourism					
	Beach Hut Booking System	15,000	0			
14	TIC					
	Beach Cleaning Store	15,000	15,000			
15	Roads					
a	Panorama Rd/Quarry Close - Upgrade/Improvement		54,520			
b	Cow Lane - Upgrade/Improvement		20,695			
16	Car Parks					
	Main Beach- Phase 3 & EVCP Installation			20,000		
	<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>697,000</b>	<b>345,575</b>	<b>1,197,750</b>	<b>1,155,000</b>	<b>805,000</b>

## To be finance from:

Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	343,000	151,260	301,750	120,000	220,000
Earmarked Reserves	325,000	83,190	335,000	1,035,000	585,000
CIL	11,000	76,000	37,000	0	0
Grants/Contributions	18,000	26,375	524,000	0	0
General Fund	0	8,750	0	0	0
<b>Total financing</b>	<b>697,000</b>	<b>345,575</b>	<b>1,197,750</b>	<b>1,155,000</b>	<b>805,000</b>