

Barnfield Sandbeds Nest Box Survey and Cleaning January 23rd . 2014

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Nest Box Identity	Status	Comments
12/1	Nest present	
12/2	Empty	Open Front
12/3	Nest Present	
12/4	Nest building started - not used	
12/5	Empty	
12/6	Nest present	
12/7	Empty	Open Front
12/8	Nest present	
12/2/13	Nest present	
6/2/13	Nest present plus wasp nest	
8/2/13	Nest present	
7/2/13	Empty	
1 LFC	Empty	
20	Empty	Open Front
5	Nest started	Open Front
Little Owl Box	Nest present	Mike attacked by killer squirrels
3	Empty	Top of bank by badger set
9/ 2/13		Access not possible
16/2/13	Nest present	
2		Tree Creeper box – no access
4/2/13	Nest present	
5/2/13	Nest present	
13/2/13	Nest present	
12/9	Empty	Open Front
21	Empty	Open Front
6	Nest present	Open Front
14	Nest present	Blue Tit
1/13 (Emma)	Nest present	Blue Tit
1/13 (Megan)	Empty	
17/2/13	Empty	Open Front
16/2/13	Nest present	
12/5	Empty	
10/6	Empty	
5?	Wasp nest	Faded Number
4	Nest present	
17 BT	Empty	
7 BT	Nest Present	

8	Nest Present	
18	Empty	
19	Empty	

The two large owl boxes were not checked.

Summary:-

- ✚ 40 boxes checked
- ✚ 19 had definite evidence of nests.
- ✚ Percentage occupancy is 47.5, as compared to around 62% in the 2013 survey.
- ✚ Note that the number of nest boxes has grown as compared to 2013 (when we checked 29).
- ✚ I have not analysed the occupancy of 2013 installations separately, but it may be that some of these were installed too late to be used in 2013.
- ✚ The one open fronted box that was used was very well shielded by new ivy growth.
- ✚ We should re – number the boxes – as with last year writing has faded.
- ✚ I nominate Mike for the **Barnfield Order of Gallantry** (third class) for his bravery in the face of squirrel attack.

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