

## **UK Swift Awareness Week (SAW) 2023 Events**

**Events coming up this summer will be listed here as soon as we have enough to get us going!**

**Please check back nearer the week to see what is happening!**

**The dates this year are 1st - 9th July 2023.**

### **Pre-SAW events in June:**

**14 June Gamlingay Cambs: 'Count the Swifts' walk Church Street. 6.30 - 8pm.**

**17 June; Stratford upon Avon: Mark Cocker talks about his new book on swifts. Details: [Swifts and the Story of Life on Earth Tickets, Sat 17 Jun 2023 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)**

**17 June Bristol: open garden and swift watching event at the home of Jane & Mark Glanville who run Bristol Swifts. Details: <https://www.bristolswifts.co.uk/bristol-swifts-2023-blog/>**

**18 June London, Oakwood Park N14. Swift stall outside the cafe between 11-1pm run by Barnet & Enfield swift group.**

**Friday 23 June: Shilton Oxfordshire. 7.30p.m. at Shilton Old School Village Hall, Church Lane, OX18 4AE. [Veronicabarry3@gmail.com](mailto:Veronicabarry3@gmail.com)**

**Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 June: Hathern, Leicestershire. OPen Gardens includes that of Tony & Anne Croft who have swifts nesting on their house. [Hathern Open Gardens | the National UK Open Gardens Directory](#)**

**Friday 30th June: Bradshaw, Bolton 8-10 pm. Swift watching in a private garden where 10 pairs of swifts nest in the house. Book via Louise: [superswifts@outlook.com](mailto:superswifts@outlook.com) ).**

Friday 30th June: Redbridge, London. A swift walk. Details/booking: <https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>

Friday 30th June: Totley Swifts: a slow swift walk starting at 8.15pm at Greenoak Park on Mickley Lane, Sheffield S17. Free, all welcome.

## **SAW2023 EVENTS**

### **Saturday 1 July 2023**

Bradwell Derbyshire. 7pm Evening guided swift walk. Free. Details from [bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com)

Tonbridge, Kent 12 noon. Stall at Tonbridge Walking Festival, Tonbridge Castle from noon. Details: [www.highwealdswifts.co.uk](http://www.highwealdswifts.co.uk) .

Penrith, Cumbria. Stall at Skelton Show, Old Park, Hutton in the Forest. Details: [susanrowlands1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanrowlands1@hotmail.co.uk) .

Methlick, Aberdeenshire. 10.30 - 3pm. Swift, Swallow and House Martin Day. Haddo House & Country Park. Stall/children's activities etc. Details; [huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com) .

Salisbury. Walk & talk. Full details: [www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org](http://www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org)

London: Wimbledon Common. 7.15pm. Evening swift walk meeting at the War Memorial. Booking and info: Louise: [wimbledonswifts@outlook.com](mailto:wimbledonswifts@outlook.com)

Oxford Museum of Natural History: Oxford Swifts will run a stall there between 11am to 4pm.

Holyhead, Anglesey: Swift Walk to launch the Holyhead Urban Swift Trail. Meet at 8pm at Ucheldre Centre, Holyhead LL65 1TE.

Sheffield: Endcliffe Park, Rustlings Road, Sheffield S11 7AB.

**Swift Stall. Display of swift bricks, boxes for sale & children's activities.**  
**Details: [S11swifts@gmail.com](mailto:S11swifts@gmail.com)**

**Wilbarston, Northants: a short talk and swift watching walk. Meet in the garden of The Fox Inn, Wilbarston LE16 8QG at 8pm. Details:**  
**[Annie.dowling4@gmail.com](mailto:Annie.dowling4@gmail.com) / 07702626014 Free, no booking needed.**

**Salehurst, East Sussex: <http://featherswildbirdcare.co.uk> - supported by both Hastings & Rother and High Weald Swifts Groups, Feathers are focusing on swifts everyday during SAW. Display, raffle, talk. Closed Monday. Swifts nesting in Church tower opposite. Cafe on site.**

**Cambridge: Action for Swifts will have a display stand at the “Zoology Live” event in the Museum of Zoology, University of Cambridge, Downing Street, CB23EJ. 10:00 to 16:30. Short talk by Dick Newell at 11:40 in the Discovery Space.**

### **Sunday 2 July**

**Stroud, Gloucs: Stroud Swift Group have a stall at Stroud Nature Festival in the park.**

**Camden, London: evening swift walk details/booking:**  
**<https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>**

**Shaftesbury: Swift Walk. A chance to enjoy Shaftesbury’s scenic colony in action over the town and visit key nest sites. Meet at 20.30 outside Shaftesbury Abbey Museum on Park Walk. Event free. Donations welcome.**

**Klingsteinton, Devon: 3pm. The church tower is open for a bell ringing demo plus 7 Swift chicks will be visible on the live stream & adults flying around outside. Swift information & nest box display.**

### **Monday 3 July**

**Tonbridge, Kent Guided swift walk. Booking essential via Walk Tonbridge Festival. Also see: [www.highwealdswifts.co.uk](http://www.highwealdswifts.co.uk) .**

Reigate, Surrey, Swift Protection Association Reigate (SPARE) have an online presentation “Hand-rearing Orphan Swifts: Research, Protocol, Diet, and Success” by Enric Fusté, a wildlife rehabilitator from Catalonia. 7 - 9.30pm. All welcome, to register email [reigateswifts@gmail.com](mailto:reigateswifts@gmail.com)

Islip, Oxon: 1.5 hour Swift walk in Islip. Suitable for all ages. Meet at the village hall car park at 8pm. More details: Jocelyne on [jmrbangham@gmail.com](mailto:jmrbangham@gmail.com) .

Macclesfield: A Swift Walk from St Michael’s Church at 6pm by Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers and Swifts Over Macclesfield  
An event in memory of our friend and colleague and great swift enthusiast Alan Brereton

Hertford: Swift walk 8pm. Meet in Sainsbury’s car park (by the trolleys).

Gledhow, Leeds: a swift walk 7.30 - 10pm. Booking essential via Linda or Martin at [leeds.swifts@gmail.com](mailto:leeds.swifts@gmail.com) .

Wirksworth, Derbyshire: a free stroll round the town watching swifts led by Andy Broadhurst (Derbys. Swift Project). Meet 7.30pm in the Old Market Place. Details: [kgallagherk1@gmail.com](mailto:kgallagherk1@gmail.com)

## **Tuesday 4 July**

Huntly, Aberdeenshire. 8.30pm. Free Swift walk & Talk.  
Details: [huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com) &  
[www.facebook.com/huntlyswiftgroup](https://www.facebook.com/huntlyswiftgroup)

Bicester Evening Swift Walk. Details and booking:  
<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/events/2023-07-04-wild-bicester-swift-walk>

Buckden, Beds: Talk on Swifts by Bedfordshire Swifts. 7.30pm at St. Mary’s Church. PE19 5TL. Details: [iluffman@gmail.com](mailto:iluffman@gmail.com) /07792 128503. £6 fee.

Kidlington, Oxfordshire: A free evening swift walk starting at 7.30pm.

**Meet at 7.30pm at Park Hill Recreation Ground.**

**Oxford Museum of Natural History: evening swift walk by Oxford Swifts starts at the museum at 7.30pm.**

**Alexandra Palace, Haringay, London: A WI talk of Swifts. Booking through: <https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>**

**Gilling, Yorks: A Swift Evening Event. 7.30-9pm. Talk by Jonathan Pomroy in Gilling East village hall followed by a walk around the village. £5, under 16s free. Details: [pomroyjonathan@gmail.com](mailto:pomroyjonathan@gmail.com)**

**Hertford: Swift Walk at 8pm. Kingsmead. Meet at rear of Tesco's car park.**

**Hesket Newmarket, Cumbria. A swift walk led by Spike Webb, RSPB ranger at Haweswater. Meet at the notice board 8pm weather permitting. If wet the walk will be postponed til later in the week. Contact [susanrowlands1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanrowlands1@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Macclesfield: A Swift Pint with the 'Swifts Over Macclesfield' team. 6.30 - 7.30 in Waters Green Tavern. Join us for a 'swift' pint or soft drink and an informal chat to find out how you can help keep this iconic bird. We need more volunteers to help building or installing swift boxes, monitoring building development and renovations, carrying out swift surveys or simply helping us to get conservation information out to those who need it.**

### **Wednesday 5 July**

**Bradford on Avon: information stall at the Running out of Time baton relay event. 12 - 2pm in front of the town's famous Tithe Barn.**

**London: Old Molden. Evening swift walk at 7.15pm. Details & booking TBC.**

**Fulbourn, Cambs: 7.30pm An evening walk starting at St Vigor's Church to**

include looking at the nest cams there & then the large colony on The Swifts Development. Free. Details: [fulbournswifts@gmail.com](mailto:fulbournswifts@gmail.com) .

Islington, London. Swift walk details/booking:

<https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>

Macclesfield: A Swift Walk from St Peter's Church at 6pm. An event in memory of our friend and great swift enthusiast Alan Brereton.

Hertford: A swift walk at 8pm. Lower Bengoe/North Road and around. Meet by Courtyard Arts.

Kingston/Old Molden: swift walk at 7.15pm: Full details and booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-kingston-swift-walk-tickets-644075726837>

Gledhow, Leeds: a swift walk 7.30 - 10pm. Booking essential via Linda or Martin at [leeds.swifts@gmail.com](mailto:leeds.swifts@gmail.com) .

Kingsteignton, Devon. 7.30 - 9pm. The church tower is open for a bell ringing demo plus 7 Swift chicks will be visible on the live stream & adults flying around outside. Swift information & nest box display.

Barnet and Enfield: The swift group will have a walk at 8pm to watch the swifts in and around The Birches, Winchmore Hill, London, N21. Meet at the end of Willow Walk, N21 at the entrance to Oakwood Park.

### **Thursday 6 July**

Bradford on Avon Two swift walks starting at 7.30pm. Meet in Westbury Gardens. Booking essential - [climatechampions@gmail.com](mailto:climatechampions@gmail.com) .

Uffculme, Mid Devon: Swift watching from 8 to 10pm with local swift champion Stuart McFadzean. Bring your own chair. Coldharbour Mill car park EX15 3EE. Details: [uffculmeswifts@gmail.com](mailto:uffculmeswifts@gmail.com)

Goldington, Beds: Free talk on Swifts by Luarinda Luffman. 7.30pm at St

Mary's Church. MK41 0AN. Details: [iluffman@gmail.com](mailto:iluffman@gmail.com) or call 01234 351920.

Brent & Westminster, London. Swift walk details/booking:

<https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>

Anglesey, Menai Bridge Swift Evening walk. Meet at 8pm at Waun Car Park, Menai Bridge LL59 5EF.

Rowsley, Derbyshire: Evening swift walk ending at the Grouse & Claret pub. Meet 7.30pm at end of Hinckley Court. Use car park on Old Station Close DE4 2EL. Contact number 07941 349002

Hertford: A swift walk at 8pm. In Hertford centre. Meet at St Andrew's Church.

Kingsteignton, Devon. The church tower will be open 6.30 - 9pm to see 7 Swift chicks visible on the live stream & adults flying around. Swift information & nest box display.

Abingdon: Meet at 7.30pm at Abingdon County Museum, Market Place, OX14 3HG for a walk to look for swifts, swallows and house martins led by Sally Gillard of Abingdon Naturalists Society. Booking essential - Email: [field@abnats.org.uk](mailto:field@abnats.org.uk)

### **Friday 7 July**

Wilton, Wilts. Walk & talk. Full details: [www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org](http://www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org)

Duffield, Derbyshire. Evening swift walk. 7.30pm. Free. Meet Greys Recreation Ground DE56 4FF.

Kidlington. Oxon. Evening Swift Walk 7.30pm. Meet at St Mary's Fields Nature Reserve. Free. Book at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kidlington-swift-walk-tickets-653985878367?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

**Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire Evening Swift Walk. 7.30pm start.**

**Free but advanced booking required: Jacey Jackson**

**[jacey@2jays.co.uk](mailto:jacey@2jays.co.uk) / 01608 661288**

**Harwell, Oxfordshire: 7-10pm an invitation-only event to celebrate SAW.**

**N. Wales: Llanrwst An evening swift walk. Meet at 8pm at Glasdir Car Park, Plas yn Dre, Llanrwst LL26 0DF**

**Lowgill, Cumbria LA8 0BN. Morning. Panoramic swift watching of 34 pairs at Tanya & Edmund Hoare's house, and camera viewing. Plus a visit to the 'bathroom and bedroom' nest sites! Booking essential. If sufficient demand, another date may be possible. Contact [ta.hoare@binternet.com](mailto:ta.hoare@binternet.com) Sedbergh Community Swifts | Facebook**

**Machnellyth: A swift walk. 7pm. Meet at the town clock. Run by the Dyfi Biosphere Swift Project.**

**Hertford: a swift walk starts 8pm. In Upper Bengoe. Meet at Holy Trinity Church. Hertford Swift Group.**

**Gledhow, Leeds: a swift walk 7.30 - 10pm. Booking essential via Linda or Martin at [leeds.swifts@gmail.com](mailto:leeds.swifts@gmail.com) .**

### **Saturday 8 July**

**Melbourne, Derbyshire. Evening swift walk. Starting at 7.30 pm at the bus shelter in the Market Place. Booking not required. Details:**

**[richard.winspear@rspb.org.uk](mailto:richard.winspear@rspb.org.uk)**

**Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire Evening Swift Walk. Starts 7.30.**

**Free but advanced booking required: Jacey Jackson**

**[jacey@2jays.co.uk](mailto:jacey@2jays.co.uk) / 01608 661288**

**Masham, Yorks: a stall on Masham Market will show videos of swifts in the tower, sell boxes, T-shirts etc. and announce the winner of the Design a Swift Mug competition for local primary school children.**



**Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire. Swift Walk, 8pm. Further details contact Graham Knight, [gpk593@gmail.com](mailto:gpk593@gmail.com)**

**Helmsley, Yorks: 11 am. Jonathan Pomroy at N Galleries, Barker's Yard, leads a 45 minute walk around Helmsley to look at swift flight behaviour and offer advice on sketching swifts. 10.30am - 4pm display by Helmsley Swifts at this fine swift viewing site! Details: [pomroyjonathan@gmail.com](mailto:pomroyjonathan@gmail.com)**

**Machynlleth: Stall at BioBlitz event at Plas Gardens.**

**Harwell, Oxfordshire: Harwell Swifts have a stand at Harwell School Summer Fair 12 - 3 pm.**

### **Sunday 9 July**

**Fyvie, Aberdeenshire. Fyvie Castle Swift Day. Stall/children's activities and see the resident swifts. Castle entry fee. Details:**

**[huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com) & [www.facebook.com/huntlyswiftgroup](http://www.facebook.com/huntlyswiftgroup)**

**Stroud, Gloucs: Stroud Swift Group are running an evening swift walk in Minchinhampton led by John Crowther.**

**Banbury: Evening Swift Walk. Details & booking:**

**<https://www.bbowt.org.uk/events/2023-07-09-wild-banbury-swift-walk>**

**Hatley St. George, Cambs: Swift stall at the village hall, 1-5pm.**

**N. Wales: Bethesda: An evening Swift walk. Meet at Llys Dafydd LL57 3AN (Cae Star car park nearby).**

**London: Waltham Forest. Swift Walk: details/booking:**

**<https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>**

**New Mills, Derbys: swift walk. Meet 7.30pm Rock Mill Centre, Rock Mill Lane SK22 3BN.**

**Wiltshire: Donhead St Mary Church, where a swift colony nests. Watch them hunt**

for insects and return to the nests during Chris's talk from this beautiful hill top churchyard. Meet at the church at 20.30. Event free. Donations welcome. Further info: email [shaftesburyswifts@gmail.com](mailto:shaftesburyswifts@gmail.com)

Kingsteignton, Devon: The church tower will be open 3 - 5pm to view Swift chicks on the live stream & adults flying outside. Swift information & nest box display.

## **Post SAW2023 Events**

Monday 10 July: debate in Houses of Parliament about making swift bricks compulsory following a petition which has reached 109,000 signatures:

[Make swift bricks compulsory in new housing to help red-listed birds - Petitions \(parliament.uk\)](https://www.parliament.uk/petitions/make-swift-bricks-compulsory-in-new-housing-to-help-red-listed-birds)

Tuesday 11 July

Kidlington Oxon: a free swift walk round the village from 7.30pm.

Booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kidlington-swift-walks-tickets-653795067647?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Hackney, London swift walk details/booking:

<https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>

Wednesday 12 July

Alexandra Palace, Haringay London: A swift walk. Booking via

<https://islingtonswifts.wordpress.com/2023/06/14/swift-awareness-week-2023-booking-for-events/>

Leek: Author Mark Cocker talks about his new book on swifts - One Midsummer's Day. Details of this and many other talks Mark is giving across the UK: [my latest news – Mark Cocker](#)

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Jodrell Bank, Cheshire: Swifts Over Macclesfield will be at the Bluedot

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***Some 60 events have now been organised during the week:***

***Stroud. Stroud Swift Group have a talk by Edward Mayer of Swift Conservation on 'Swifts and local biodiversity' at Stroud Brewery from 2 pm (the talk will kick things off).***

***Bradshaw, Bolton: Elizabeth Stones garden is the venue for a Swift watching evening with light refreshments between 8 - 10pm. Booking essential - email [superswifts@outlook.com](mailto:superswifts@outlook.com).***

**Sheffield S17 Totley Swift Group have an information stall at Totley Coop 0900 - 1300pm.**

***{Sheffield: Totley Swift Walk with Chris Measures. Attendance restricted to the local community}. Plus an information display all week in Totley Library.***

**Bradwell, Derbyshire: Community Swift Walk. 7.30pm. E:**  
**[bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com](mailto:bradwellswiftreports@gmail.com)**

***Devon: Newton Abbot Town Centre at the clock tower - a swift stall/display in the morning with information along with other stalls.***

***Oxford: 11am to 4pm, an Oxford Swift City stall outside the Oxford University Museum of Natural History where swifts nesting in the tower have been studied for decades. Chris Jarvis from the museum will answer questions about the study between 11am and noon.***

***Milton Keynes: Wolverton Swifts Group will have a stall at the Love Nature Day event at Howe Park Wood Education Centre, Chaffron Way, MK4 3GG. For details see: [Love Nature Day \(theparkstrust.com\)](http://theparkstrust.com)***

**Hathern, Leics: swift display all week in the library.**

### **Sunday 3 July 2022**

**(Devon: Interview on Radio Devon on the Toby Buckland Show to update Toby on swifts).**

**Dorset: Shaftesbury: A Swift Walk. Meet 8pm at the Abbey Gates on Park Walk for a tour round some of Shaftesbury's favourite Swift nesting sites. Event free but donations welcome. Book a place with your contact number at [shaftesburyswifts@gmail.com](mailto:shaftesburyswifts@gmail.com) .**

### **Monday 4 July 2022**

**N Wales: Llanrwst Swift Half walk. 7.30pm. Details: [What's On | North Wales Wildlife Trust](#)**

**Norwich, Waterloo Park. A Swift walk. 7pm. Booking essential. Details TBC.**

### **Tuesday 5 July 2022**

**Sheffield S11 Swift Group: Swift Walk with Jim Clarke 7.30 pm.  
<https://facebook.com/events/s/swifts-are-back-walk-with-jim-/682032309756558/>**

**North Wales: Menai Bridge Swift Walk 7.30pm  
Details: [What's On | North Wales Wildlife Trust](#)**

**Kidlington, Oxfordshire: Swift walk from St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm. Please register with Christopher Hoskin – [publicity@anhso.org.uk](mailto:publicity@anhso.org.uk)**

**Wilton, Wiltshire: Swift Walk and Talk 20.00 - 21.30.  
Meet in Wilton market Place outside The Greyhound Inn.  
<https://www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org/talks-and-events>**

**London: Camden/ Islington swift walk in Tufnell Park. 7.30-9pm.  
Free but to book go to [londonsaw2022@gmail.com](mailto:londonsaw2022@gmail.com)**

**Mid-Devon: Uffculme Swift Group 8pm-9.45pm Roost watch, information and talk. In the car park on Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme EX15 3EE. A static event suitable for all ages/levels of mobility. Bring a chair! Details: [uffculmeswifts@gmail.com](mailto:uffculmeswifts@gmail.com)**

**Hook, Hampshire: Edward Mayer will talk to Lord Wandsworth School, Hook about swifts.**

## **Wed 6 July 2022**

**Stroud.** Stroud Swift Group have a swift walk led by John Crowther around Minchinhampton from 7 pm.

**Old Malden, Kingston.** A Swift walk led by Wimbledon Swift Group.

**Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire:** A Swift Walk with live nest camera viewing starting at St Vigor,'s Church, Manor Walk, CB21 5BN at 7.30 pm.

Further information: e-mail [fulbournswifts@gmail.com](mailto:fulbournswifts@gmail.com)

**Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk:** the Save our Swifts group have a swift walk. Meet outside St John's Church café at 7pm. See: [SuffolkBirdGroup.org/sos-swifts](http://SuffolkBirdGroup.org/sos-swifts) .

**Felixstowe, Suffolk:** a 'Save our Swifts' walk from 7pm. Meet outside Bencotto, Hamilton Rd. Details: [SuffolkBirdGroup.org/sos-swifts](http://SuffolkBirdGroup.org/sos-swifts)

**Norwich:** a swift walk - 6.30 start. Booking essential. For details see:

<https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/documents/norfolk-wildlife-trust-wilder-community-programme-.aspx>

**Huntly Aberdeenshire:** a Swift Walk and Talk with Cally Smith.

E: [huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com). Facebook/savetheaviators or huntlyswiftgroup

**London:** Islington swift group walk in Highbury. &.30-9 pm.

Free but to book go to [londonsaw2022@gmail.com](mailto:londonsaw2022@gmail.com)

**Macclesfield:** A short talk and then a swift walk starting at St Michael's Church 6 - 7.30pm.

Further details: See events - <https://www.facebook.com/Swiftsovermacclesfield> (and an identical event on Tuesday 12th July also). [www.wildlifeexplorersmacc.co.uk](http://www.wildlifeexplorersmacc.co.uk)

**Bury St Edmunds;** A 'Swift Pint'. Meet at the Cafe by St John's Church at 7 pm for a few brief talks followed by watching the 42 pairs that nest in the church. All welcome. Opportunity to sample the local ale at the very convenient pub next door!

**Glamorgan; Cowbridge:** a swift walk ending in a private garden. By invitation only.

## **Thursday 7 July 2022**

**Derby:** an evening walk led by Chaddesden & Spondon Swift Group.

More details and to book see:

<https://www.naturalderbyshiretours.uk/swift-awareness-week-2022-free-evening-swift-walk/>

**N Wales: Penrhyndeudraeth Swift Walk. 7.30pm Details: [What's On | North Wales Wildlife Trust](#)**

**Sheffield: Heeley and Meersebrook Swift Group. A walk at 6 pm.**

**See: <https://facebook.com/events/s/swift-walk/989818405065590/>**

**Sheffield: Sheffield Swift Summit organised by Sheffield Wildlife Trust and local swift groups. Speaker Sarah Gibson author of Swifts and Us. 7 pm.**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/swift-summit-2022-tickets-339930670787>**

**Salisbury: SAWS Fundraising Concert 19.30 -2100 by local violinist Bill Benham and friends.Full details and tickets here:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-concert-for-swifts-tickets-344658301257?aff=ebdssbd&estsearch>. <https://www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org/talks-and-events>**

**Bradford on Avon. A Swift Walk starting in Westbury Gardens at 7.30pm.**

**Email: [climatechampions@googlemail.com](mailto:climatechampions@googlemail.com) for details.**

**London: Hackney swift walk - Stoke Newington. 7.30-9 pm.**

**Free but to book go to [londonsaw2022@gmail.com](mailto:londonsaw2022@gmail.com)**

**Mid-Devon: Uffculme Swift Roost watch, information and talk 8pm-9.45pm. In the car park on Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme EX15 3EE. A static event suitable for all ages/levels of mobility. Bring a chair! Details: [Uffculmeswifts@gmail.com](mailto:Uffculmeswifts@gmail.com)**

**Aberdeenshire: Swift Walk and Talk start at Tesco Inverurie. Details:**

**[huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:huntlyswiftgroup@gmail.com)**

**Landbeach, Cambridge: 7:00pm Swift party at 91 Green End, Landbeach, CB259FD, RSVP [actionforswifts@gmail.com](mailto:actionforswifts@gmail.com) 01223860400. Light refreshments will be provided.**

**Devon: Kingsteignton Church Tower open 7.30 to 8.30 pm with nest box cameras available to observe the chicks inside their nest boxes.**

**Suffolk: Stradbroke: A 'Saving Swifts' presentation at the Courthouse at 7pm.**

**Details of this and other events during the week are at:**

**[Aldeburghsamazingswifts.co.uk](http://Aldeburghsamazingswifts.co.uk)**

**Northants: Wilbarston LE16 8QD: A brief talk followed by a swift walk.**

**Meet in the garden of The Fox pub at 7.30pm, Church Street, Wilbarston. Details:**

**Contact Annie 07702626014, [annie.dowling4@gmail.com](mailto:annie.dowling4@gmail.com)**

**Friday 8 July 2022**

**N. Wales:***Holyhead Swift Walk 7.30pm. Details: [What's On | North Wales Wildlife Trust](#)*

**Lowgill, Cumbria LA8 0BN.** *Panoramic swift watching at Tanya & Edmund Hoare's house, morning and evening. Booking essential [ta.hoare@binternet.com](mailto:ta.hoare@binternet.com)  
[Sedbergh Community Swifts | Facebook](#)*

**Oxfordshire: Shilton;** *A swift (short) talk & walk. 7 pm at Shilton Village Hall, Church Lane, Shilton, Ox18. All welcome.*

**London: Haringey** *swift walk at Alexandra Park. 7.30-9pm.  
Free but to book go to [londonsaw2022@gmail.com](mailto:londonsaw2022@gmail.com)*

**Wolverton, Bucks:** *Start at 6pm at our Old Bath House where local artists have created murals and mosaics incorporating swifts.....and ending at The Crauford Arms which has many swifts.A 'Swift Half' is optional.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1781144125550105/?sfnsn=scwspmo>*

**Oxford:***a Swift Walk by Oxford Swift City group. Meet at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History at 7.30 including taking in the Swift Tower which has 25 nest boxes in University Parks.*

**Harwell, Oxfordshire:** *An invitation-only celebration of Swift Awareness Week for those who have started to help the local swift colony by having swift boxes installed. 7-10 pm.*

**Bedfordshire: Heath & Reach: Beds.** *Swift Group, with colleagues from the Greensand Trust, are holding a Swift "assembly" for 151 children at Heathwood Lower School. There will be pictures and charts, information, Swift cut-outs, and nest boxes with callers – in fact everything about Swifts.*

**Warwickshire: Shipston on Stour:** *An evening swift walk organised by Jacey Jackson of the Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group ending in the garden of a house with nesting swifts. To book phone 01608 661288.*

**Taunton:** *Taunton Deane Swifts are running a stall at the Somerset Co-operative Trust's Community Action Day*

## **Saturday 9 July 2022**

**Salisbury:** *Swift Walk and Talk 20.00 - 21.30. See the largest swift nesting colony in Salisbury. Meet outside Sarum College in the Cathedral Close.  
<https://www.salisburyandwiltonswifts.org/talks-and-events>*



**London: Brent/ Westminster swift walk - Maida Vale.**  
**Free but to book go to [londonsaw2022@gmail.com](mailto:londonsaw2022@gmail.com)**

**Bicester, Oxon: Swift walk from Bicester Community Garden, Piggy Lane at 7.30 pm.**  
**Contact Chris Mason – [candomason@outlook.com](mailto:candomason@outlook.com)**

**Derbyshire: Melbourne. A swift walk starting at 7.30 pm at the bus shelter in the Market Place. Booking not required.**

**Hastings: Hastings & Rother Swift Conservation Group will run a stall at Kings Road Market as part of the St Leonards Festival and Sophie Streeter will give a swift talk to school children in Battle to celebrate the installation of 12 S Bricks into the clocktower at Battle.**

**Helmsley, Yorkshire: At N Galleries, Barker's Yard, Helmsley YO62 5DR. Free.**  
**Join artist and author of On Crescent Wings Jonathan Pomroy as he sketches swifts from life, see his recent paintings of swifts and watch them in flight. Activities for children. Have a go at sketching swifts guided by Jonathan. Helmsley Swifts will be showing their work in the town and offering advice on attracting swifts. 10am- 5pm.**  
**Tel: 07900 998242. Contact [pomroyjonathan@gmail.com](mailto:pomroyjonathan@gmail.com) or [iankibble@yahoo.com](mailto:iankibble@yahoo.com)**

**Devon: Kingsteignton Church Tower will be open 10.30 to 12.00 to allow observation of swift chicks via nest box cameras.**

**Bedfordshire: Leighton Buzzard: Bedfordshire Swift Group will have a stall in the market, with information and leaflets, callers and a mock wall with swift boxes, hopefully with swifts screaming overhead. 9am to 3pm.**

**Masham, Yorkshire: Mashamshire Swift Conservation Community Project will have a swift stall on Masham Market showing videos of the chicks in boxes in a local church and having nest boxes etc for sale.**

**Warwickshire: Shipston on Stour: An evening swift walk organised by Jacey Jackson of the Stour Valley Wildlife Action Group ending in the garden of a house with nesting swifts. To book phone 01608 661288.**

## **Sunday 10 July 2022**

**London: Waltham Forest swift walk - Warner Estate. 7.30-9 pm.**  
**Booking via Islington Swifts Twitter account ( [@islingt\\_swifts](https://twitter.com/islingt_swifts) )**



**Nottingham: Carrington Swift Street Talk and Tour 5pm.**

**Full details and booking can be found here: [www.wild-ng.uk/events](http://www.wild-ng.uk/events)**

**Dorset: A talk at Donhead St Mary parish church by Christopher Nicholson followed by observing the church's swifts. Meet 8.30pm in the churchyard. Free but donations welcome. Please book with your contact number at [shaftesburyswifts@gmail.com](mailto:shaftesburyswifts@gmail.com).**

**Linslade, Leighton Buzzard: A "Swift tea" in a private garden aimed solely at people living in the area who will have the details handed out to them.**

**Derbyshire; Rowsley An informal swift-watching walk around the village where there is a big colony of 40+ pairs. Led by Gillian Foxcroft, it starts at Peak Village, Rowsley DE4 2JE at 8pm. Free, all welcome.**

**Bristol: Swift House, A Swift/NGS open garden event to the SAW week list. 11am-3pm. Entry £5 donated to Nursing & Health charities. Visitors will be able to see swifts flying in and out of swift boxes and inside nest boxes via cameras and also wander around our wildlife-friendly garden. Tickets in advance or on the day. Here is a link with details <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/34424/swift-house>**

**Derbyshire; Rowsley: Wildlife Watch group session on Swifts. Details see: <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events/2022-07-10-wildlife-watch-group-all-about-swifts> .**