

Six Nests in our Nesting Boxes!

.Having erected five nesting boxes in November 2020, it was time for their annual clean. When we looked at them on 15th October 2021, we found to our great surprise and delight that every box but one had been used! We had not heard any reports of bird activity in and around the boxes, showing how secretive the birds had been. It is difficult for us to be sure which species of birds have been active, but several looked like blue tit nests, packed with moss. One nest, one of the three “sparrow boxes” on the outside of the church hall, had three very small eggs, presumably infertile, with blue tit colouring. The large raptor box, situated in the copse, had a deep layer of leaves and small twigs and fragments of a large white egg 30-40 mm diameter.



The one failure was the open fronted box designed to attract robins. We think it was too close to a busy public footpath, so we have moved in into the copse, which is much more secluded.



We are very encouraged by the high usage during the first year – evidence of the wild life sharing our beautiful churchyard and responding positively to our small steps to assist. We hope to erect a few more in the autumn and early winter, ready for next year.

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We have nesting boxes!

On the same cold, grey day on 30th November 2020 that the Christmas tree went up in church, we placed five nesting boxes in various places around the churchyard. We followed advice about height above ground and direction the openings should face. We hung them on wire protected by hose to avoid damage to trees. The boxes are numbered so we can record how they are used in the Spring. Thanks to Brian Robson for help in making the boxes.



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Nest box 1 – for sparrows – on church hall wall



Nest box 2 – for great tits



Nest box 3 – for robins



Nest box 4 – for blue tits



Nest box 5 – for tawny owls