



Concern for Swifts

SCOTTISH SWIFT **COLONY SURVEY 2009**

survey form also available on www.concernforswifts.com

In 2004 BTO recorded a drop in swift numbers in Scotland of 62% over the previous 10 years. Even before that a project called “Concern for Swifts” had been set up to raise awareness of the decline in swift populations across Europe, due to loss of breeding habitat.

There is rising awareness of the impact on swift populations of the demolition and renovation of older buildings and the lack of suitable places for swifts in new buildings. The aim of the Concern for Swifts survey is to locate colonies in the built environment – usually assessed by the presence of screaming parties.

Concern for Swifts (Scotland) works with developers and Housing Associations to retain swift nest sites and create new ones where appropriate. Because swifts are very reluctant to move house, the conservation of existing sites is of paramount importance. Thus knowledge of where swifts are nesting is crucial to their conservation.

Records of places where there used to be swifts but are no longer are also extremely important .

Look out especially for repair or demolition which might destroy or obstruct swift nest sites – for example, swifts will not usually be able to gain access to their nests if scaffolding is erected.

Destruction and obstruction are both illegal.

Please return forms or survey information to:- Clare Darlaston, 287 Onslow Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow G31 2QG. tel 0141-554-8262.
mob 07900 637 452 e-mail swiftscot@yahoo.co.uk. Please include your name and address:-

Date	Screaming parties/ street/ town or village ?	Region	Approx number?	Type of buildings? Any nest sites?	GRID ref or postcode if known	Any useful comments ?
