

Leisure, Events & Environment

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Agenda Item LEE1856/24

Purchase & Installation of Bird-Boxes

Introduction

This paper proposes the purchase and installation of 30 bird boxes in Croxley Green to support local bird populations, enhance biodiversity, and create new community engagement opportunities through a bird-box trail.

Discussion

To promote bird conservation and biodiversity within Croxley Green, it is proposed to purchase and install 30 bird boxes in selected locations around the parish.

Type of Bird Boxes:

The bird boxes will be made of WoodStone material (shown below). WoodStone boxes are highly durable, providing enhanced protection against predators and lasting a minimum of 10 years, ensuring long-term benefits for local bird populations.



- **Cost and Budget:**
 - The total cost for the purchase and installation of these 30 bird boxes will be up to £1,000.

Proposed Locations for Installation

The majority of the bird boxes will be installed by the Rangers in Parish Council-owned woodland. These areas have been identified as suitable habitats for a range of bird species due to their existing tree cover and proximity to food sources.

In addition to the Council-owned woodland, the Parish Council will seek permission from Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) to expand the installation into other areas such as The Green and Stone's Orchard.

Variety of Bird Boxes

To cater to a diverse range of bird species, including both common garden birds and less frequently seen species such as owls, a variety of bird boxes sizes and shapes will be purchased.

Advice on Locations and Variety

Professional advice has been sought to determine the most appropriate locations and types of bird boxes to be installed. This consultation will ensure that the boxes are situated in optimal locations to attract the target species and to provide them with safe nesting environments.

Community Engagement: Bird-Box Trail

Following the installation of the bird boxes, the Parish Council's bird-box trail will be updated. This trail will be designed to encourage residents and visitors to explore the parish's natural spaces and learn about local wildlife. Information about the types of birds that might use the boxes, and how to spot them, will be provided along the trail.

Recommendation:

- That the Parish Council allocates £1000 for the purchase and installation of 30 bird-boxes

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