

## Barnfield Sandbeds - Bat Box Survey – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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Assisted by Glen Sibley and Carole Danbury

Bat Box Location	Survey Result	
Orams Lane 01	Un Reachable Sited Too High	
Orams Lane 02	Fallen Box Re Sited	
Orams Lane 03	Fallen Box Resited	
Orams Lane 04	Evidence of Slugs	
Orams Lane 05	Evidence of Birds Nesting	
Orams Lane 06	Evidence of Birds Nesting	
Orams Lane 07	Empty-Loose on Tree – Re-Nailed	
Orams Lane 08	Empty –Top Loose	
Orams Lane 09	Empty – Top Loose	
Boundary Field 01	Empty – Top Loose	
Boundary Field 02	Has been Used -Pipistrelle droppings	
Boundary Field 03	Evidence of Slugs	
Horsebrook Lane 01	Evidence of Slugs	
Horsebrook Lane 02	Evidence of Slugs	
Horsebrook Lane 03	Evidence of Birds Nesting	
Horsebrook Lane 04	Evidence of Slugs	

According to Pauls Experience the boxes with 'Evidence of slugs' and 'loose tops' indicate damp boxes that bats will avoid as they prefer to be dry

Where there is evidence of birds nesting it indicates that the openings are too big for the smaller bats like Pipistrelle and Brown Eared Bats, among the more common species

Paul has offered to organise a bat box Building Activity and using his experience of Bat Box Design

He also suggested that we would be advised to replace all boxes as against repairing or altering the existing bat boxes Some of the damage to boxes is due to Trees Growing and stressing the boxes

He Also State that experience shows that it is preferable that Bat Boxes are mounted on trees with a single trunk and near to water and that consideration should be given to location for easier access and that they are sited about 10 feet from the ground for added safety when surveys are undertaken

Paul also spoke to Marion and is prepared to give us a talk on Bats in the future