

Barnfield Sandbeds – Annual Bird Box Survey and Cleaning Exercise 2/ 11/ 2017 and 9/ 11/ 2017

1) Thanks to Julian, Bob, Mike and Glen for their help on the exercise.

2) Results

68 tree tags were deployed by Peter Rock and Phil Goodrich in the previous survey.

Results this time were as follows:-

- 28 boxes had nests
- 21 were empty
- 3 no access
- 13 not found or missing – note “missing” is tree tag found but no box present
- 3 other occupants
- 2 other/ new box

Excluding no access, not found/ missing, other/ new box and other occupants, the occupancy rate is 57%.

- 3) Orams Lane continues to be the most productive area in terms of occupancy.
- 4) Boxes near the pond seem to have a high attrition rate in terms of damage or loss.
- 5) Several boxes lacking entrance guards had been given a thorough woodpeckering.

6) Detailed Results

Box Number	Comments	Box Number	Comments
1	nest	31	Front recovered
2	nest	32	missing
3	nest	33	empty
4	nest	34	missing
5	nest	35	empty
6	nest (repaired)	36	nest
7	nest	37	empty
8	empty	38	empty
9	mice	39	empty
10	nest	40	nest
11	Not found	41	Nest – front recovered

12	empty	42	missing
13	No access	43	nest
14	nest	44	nest
15	nest	45	empty
16	nest	46	empty
17	No access	47	missing
18	Not found	48	Empty needs replacement
19	empty	49	Empty/ box replaced
20	nest	50	missing
21	empty	51	missing
22	nest	52	missing
23	nest	53	Nest needs plate
24	nest	54	Owl box no access
25	nest	55	missing
26	empty	56	missing
27	nest	57	missing
28	empty	58	empty
29	Empty ex nuthatch box	59	nest
30	Insect house (bee?)	60	nest
61	smashed	No number	nest
62	nest	65	empty
63	mice	66	Box reinstalled
64	nest	67	missing
68	empty	69	New box/ new site

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