



# Sandridge Parish Council

## Sandridge Parish Swift Project

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm

Sandridge Parish Council will be hosting an evening  
*at Marshalswick Community Centre*

to launch a new initiative aimed at helping the local population of swifts

*This is in anticipation of their return from South Africa  
in April/May 2025 - a journey of around 3,400 miles*

Swifts have a Red UK Conservation Status, having declined by around 62% between 1995 and 2021. The South East of England is a key location for nesting sites but these have declined due to old buildings being renovated and new building design not lending itself to nesting.

The Parish Council's Committee for Sustainability invites you to our evening where **Mr Tim Hill MCIEEM, Conservation Manager at the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust** will speak of what residents can do to help this remarkable species thrive in our parish. Tim has extensive experience in the successful provision of nesting habitat elsewhere in the county and beyond.

### NESTING BOXES

**Residents of the parish (*Marshalswick, Jersey Farm, Sandridge village and outlying dwellings*) will be given an opportunity to purchase a high quality nesting box, subsidised by the Parish Council and expertly installed for a nominal fee.**

Swift boxes are very low maintenance. Once a nesting pair have used a box they will return to it year after year.

Perhaps you already have a box and/or would simply like to understand more about this extraordinary species.

**We very much hope to see you at our residents' information evening**  
*Basic refreshments will be provided*

Please email [clerk@sandridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sandridge-pc.gov.uk) or  
call (01727) 831871 to confirm your attendance