

## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Role Title:</b>	Community Swift Inventory Champion
<b>Where:</b>	Any area with swift populations
<b>When:</b>	Mainly May-August (for publicity and surveying). Potentially any time of year when advising property owners.
<b>Commitment:</b>	Surveys approximately same time at dusk every week or less depending on how many local areas you are happy to survey
<b>Why We Want You:</b>	<p>Swifts are fantastic, highly visible, noisy, charismatic and yet deeply mysterious birds that nest right alongside us in our homes and work places. They should be an indelible feature of blue English summer skies, but they need our help – they are now on the Amber list of birds of conservation concern following significant declines in the last 10 years or so.</p> <p>We are looking for local swift “champions” able to work within their local communities to record swift nest sites and roof-level screaming parties onto the RSPB swift inventory, and encourage other people to do the same. So that planning authorities and property managers can make decisions based on good information about where swifts are.</p> <p>If possible, we also want people who can act as a local source of expertise and guidance for anyone concerned about the potential loss of swift nest sites through building redevelopment and renovations.</p>
<b>What’s In It For You:</b>	Make a real contribution to helping one of our best loved but least well understood birds – without leaving your local neighbourhood! Since swifts aren’t active in bad weather, you only need to be outside when it’s nice.
<b>The Skills / Talents You’ll Need:</b>	<p><u>Essential:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An obvious interest in and enthusiasm for swifts!</li> <li>• Should live in or close to areas with significant swift populations</li> <li>• Able to spend time surveying for swifts between May and August</li> <li>• Access to the Internet, email and basic IT skills</li> <li>• A pair of binoculars, be able to identify swifts, and can use a map</li> </ul> <p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good people skills</li> <li>• Some experience of the planning and/or construction industry</li> </ul>
<b>Notes:</b>	We would invite you to volunteer thank you events, send you copies of our bi-annual volunteer newsletter, and of course give you ongoing support in your role.
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