

Camlad Valley Community Wildlife Group



Please Help Barn Owls!!

Special Nest Boxes provided free

to Farmers & Landowners with suitable habitat, where Barn Owls have been seen, in the Camlad Valley area, and there isn't already a box nearby -

- Isolated farm building, or large isolated tree or pole more than 400 metres from nearest woodland
- 4 hectares (10 acres) of permanent rough grassland nearby, several inches tall to provide cover for voles and other prey

*If you see a Barn Owl,
we'd like to know, please*

Barn Owls control pests such as rats and mice, but the population has been in long-term decline. Loss of habitat - rough grassland for hunting prey - is the major factor, but loss of suitable nest sites has also contributed. Traditional open barns have been enclosed, replaced by different types of barns, or converted into houses. Other suitable nest sites - holes in large, isolated trees - have also disappeared from the landscape in recent times, as trees have died off or been removed. The local population is still around only half that found by a survey in 1932.

Barn Owl was on the *Amber List of Birds of Conservation Concern 3 (2009)*, but the decline has been reversed by provision of nest boxes. Locally this has been done by the Shropshire and Montgomeryshire Barn Owl Groups, with help from Community Wildlife Groups.

Nest boxes are more likely to be used, and help increase the population, if they are put near to existing Barn Owl territories and foraging areas.



*For further information,
or to report a Barn Owl sighting in the Camlad Valley area, please contact*

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We need an accurate location, please

Thanks to the Stepping Stones project (funded by Heritage Lottery) for funding the development of Community Wildlife Groups. This initiative to help Barn Owls in the Camlad Valley complements similar work by several other Groups. See the Community Wildlife Groups website www.ShropsCWGs.org.uk for further information about how to get involved.