

Monitoring / Maintenance

The boxes should all be self cleaning and not require any maintenance however the condition of the boxes should be checked once every 2 years and if condition has deteriorated significantly the boxes should be replaced.

Bat boxes should be maintained in accordance with the following:

- Bat boxes should be affixed by a licensed bat worker over the winter (before April).
- Boxes should be affixed to different aspects of recommended buildings and trees to provide a range of roosting conditions.
- Boxes should be affixed to buildings as high up as possible in wind sheltered but sunny places, and at least 4m above the ground where safe installation is possible to avoid predation.
- Bat boxes installed are self-cleaning and have a life expectancy of at least 10 years.
- Bat boxes require ongoing management, including visual inspections of boxes to see if occupation by bats has occurred, along with appropriate levels of tree pruning and maintenance to ensure the boxes are not shaded or overgrown.
- Bat boxes should be installed at a local or nursery site they may only be disturbed by licensed bat workers.

Nesting boxes should be maintained in accordance with the following:

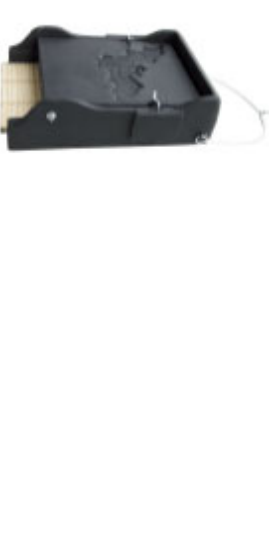
- Boxes should be installed at least 2m from the ground in sheltered areas away from the reach of predators.
- Ideally erected before the end of February to allow the best chance for occupation before the nesting season.
- Boxes should be checked regularly to ensure they are not overgrown or damaged.
- If you find unattached eggs in your box, you can only legally remove them between October and January – and by law they must be destroyed (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981).

Specification

1FF Schwegler

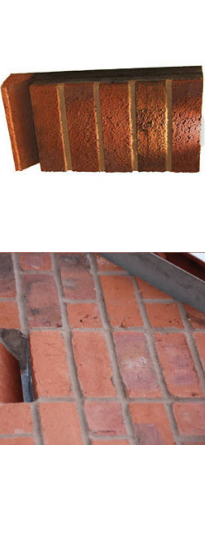
The Schwegler 1FF bat box is a spacious enough for bats to use as a summer roosting site. It is made of high quality, weather-resistant materials, such as wood, concrete and clay (bent), which stabilises the temperature inside and lasts for at least 20-25 years. The inner dimensions of the 1FF have a minimum of 10cm, which is suitable for most bat species. The box is made of a pipe-like material known to occupy the habitat surrounding the site.

Positioning: Boxes should be affixed to the trees as high up as possible in wind sheltered but sunny places, and at least 4m above the ground where safe installation is possible to avoid predation.



Habitat Bat Box

A large, solid box made of insulating concrete with an internal roost space which is suitable for crevice dwelling species such as pipistrelle bats. This box can be incorporated into the fabric of a building as it is built or renovated. A variety of finishes can be used to match the surrounding architecture or to make it more discreet, rendering the box unobtrusive and aesthetically pleasing.



3S Schwegler Stirling Nest Box

Schwegler 3S Stirling nest box are known to attract starlings, provide overnight shelter for great spotted, middle spotted and lesser spotted woodpeckers and support breeding pied flycatchers and nuthatches.

Positioning: Boxes should be attached between the northern and eastern aspects between 2 and 2 metres above ground.



1SP Schwegler Sparrow Nest Box

Sparrows are a UKBAP species and UK populations are falling due to habitat destruction and lack of suitable nesting spaces. Sparrows are social birds and like to nest in company, these boxes provides nesting opportunities for them. They are made of wood and are also prominently attract flycatchers and species flycatchers.

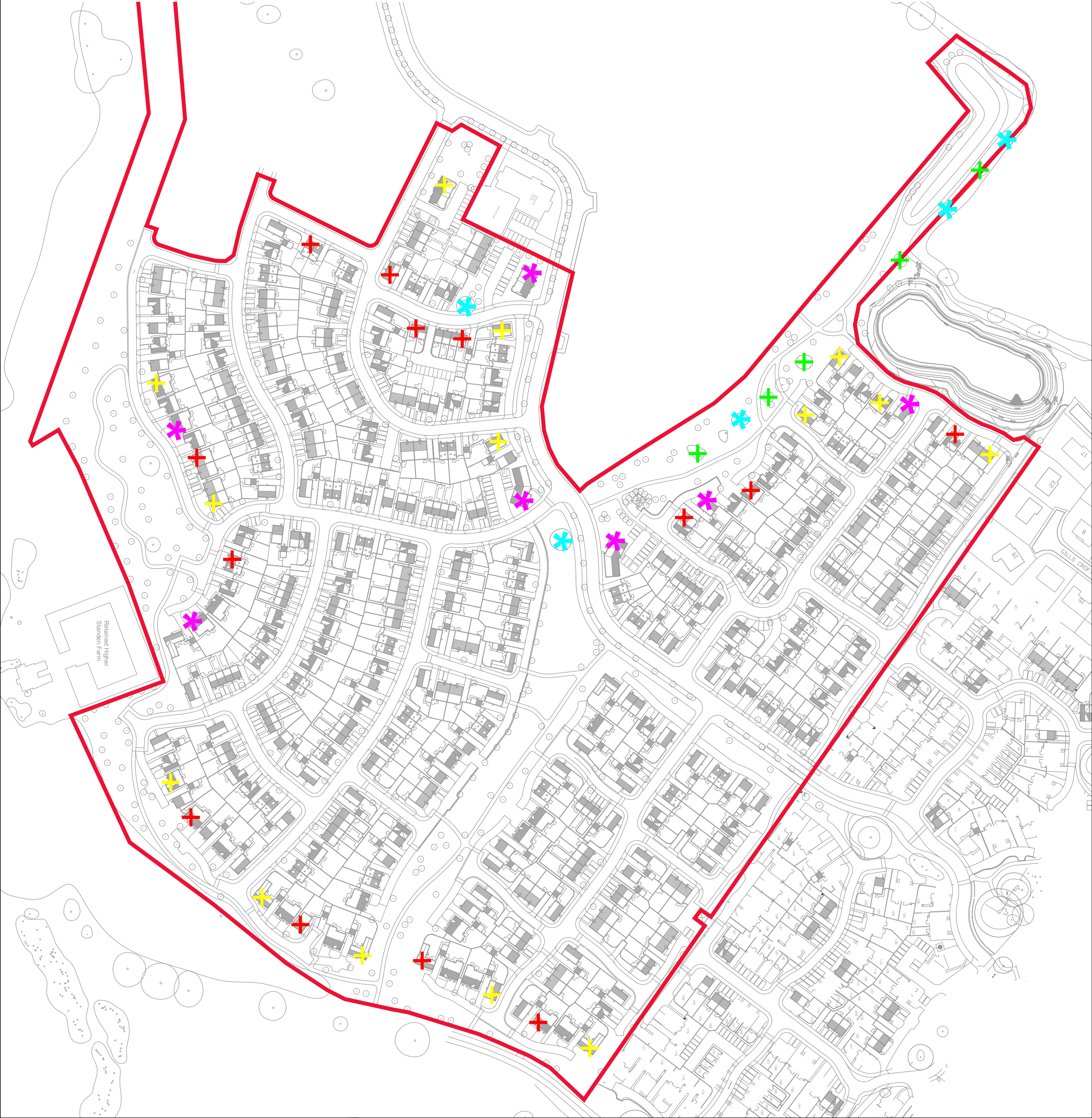
Positioning: Install on the surface of the wall between 2 and 4 metres above ground.



17B Schwegler Swift Nest Box

The 17B Schwegler Swift Nest Box has an enlarged breeding space allowing the birds more room for movement and to exercise flight muscles. It is well insulated and has a long lifespan.

Positioning: It should be installed at least 6 to 7 metres above the ground, ensuring that there is unobstructed access for birds entering and leaving. If possible, boxes should be sited under the shelter of eaves or overhanging roofs.



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