

# Buildings for Biodiversity Seminar

The Swift Project Partnership\* are delighted to offer a one day seminar on the 5th March 2018 to raise awareness of how important both rural and urban buildings and their surrounding landscaping are to the survival of key species and how in the early design stage of new developments thought can be given to biodiversity enhancements.



## Who should attend this event?

- Local Authority planners and politicians
- Planning agents and developers
- Landowners and land managers
- Property Services and managers
- Architects, developers, builders, and contractors

## What will you take away from this event ?

- An understanding of the basic requirements of key species and how they may interact with your site and development.
- The importance of why key species should be considered at an early stage during the conceptual development of the site and how it will enhance and assist movement of your proposals through the Planning Consent process.
- How to accommodate biodiversity during the planning, construction, renovation, repair and maintenance of buildings.
- An understanding of the laws/policies protecting key species and how to comply with them.
- Attendance can be counted towards CPD evidence.

\*The Swift Project Partnership includes Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, Leicestershire and Rutland Ornithological Society, The National Forest and Charnwood Borough Council. A key aim of this partnership project is to raise awareness of the need to protect and enhance Swift nesting sites in the planning system and encourage landlords/home owners to erect nesting boxes when making changes to existing buildings.

## Programme:

- 09:30-09:35 Welcome  
09:35-10:00 Introduction - Sue Timms and Dr Helen O'Brien  
10:00-11:00 'Designing good Green Infrastructure for Pollinators and People'  
Steven Falk  
11:00-11:15 Break  
11:15-12:00 'Biodiversity and Buildings' - Edward Mayer  
12:00- 12:30 Q&A session  
12:30-13.30 Lunch - chance to visit the Market Place with information and trade stalls  
13:30-14:00 The Importance of Man-made Structures to the Conservation of Bats - Barry Collins  
14:00-14:45 Session 1 workshops  
14:45-15:00 Break  
15:00-15:45 Session 2 workshops  
15:45-16:15 Summary of workshop sessions  
16:15 Closing remarks  
16:30 Finish

Workshop 1: The 3 B's - Bats and Birds and Buildings  
Workshop 2: Location, Location, Location - green infrastructure and new developments

### About the Speakers:

**Steven Falk** - BSc ARCS FRES, Entomologist-Artist-Photographer and, in 2012, winner of the prestigious Royal Entomological Society / Marsh Award for Insect Conservation.

**Edward Mayer** - head of Swift Conservation Trust, provides Europe-wide advice, has worked with Swifts for almost 15 years and prior to that managed property infrastructure and facilities at the Tate Gallery.

**Barry Collins** - B J Collins Protected Species Surveyors - over twenty years' experience of working with bats.

**When:**  
Monday 5th  
March 2018,  
9:30am - 16:30pm  
**Where:** Loughborough  
Town Hall, Market Pl,  
Loughborough  
LE11 3EB



## Booking

Bookings can be taken via email or through the online booking:

- Email: [box.office@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:box.office@charnwood.gov.uk)
- Online booking: [www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/tickets](http://www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/tickets)

For booking enquiries, please call 01509 231914

Swift bookings - £25 - book & pay before 31st January 2018

£50 after 31st January 2018, student rate £10

The cost includes attendance at talks, workshops and marketplace exhibition, refreshments and lunch.

## Market Place

The market place will showcase biodiversity projects in new build or existing build or products that are related to encouraging biodiversity - if you would like to have a display in the market place, please contact Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 7264.

