



Our Disappearing

Swifts

Tanya & Edmund Hoare
Sedbergh Community Swifts

Common Swift *Apus apus*



Herald of spring

Exhilarating flight



Swifts screaming parties



Common Swift

Apus apus

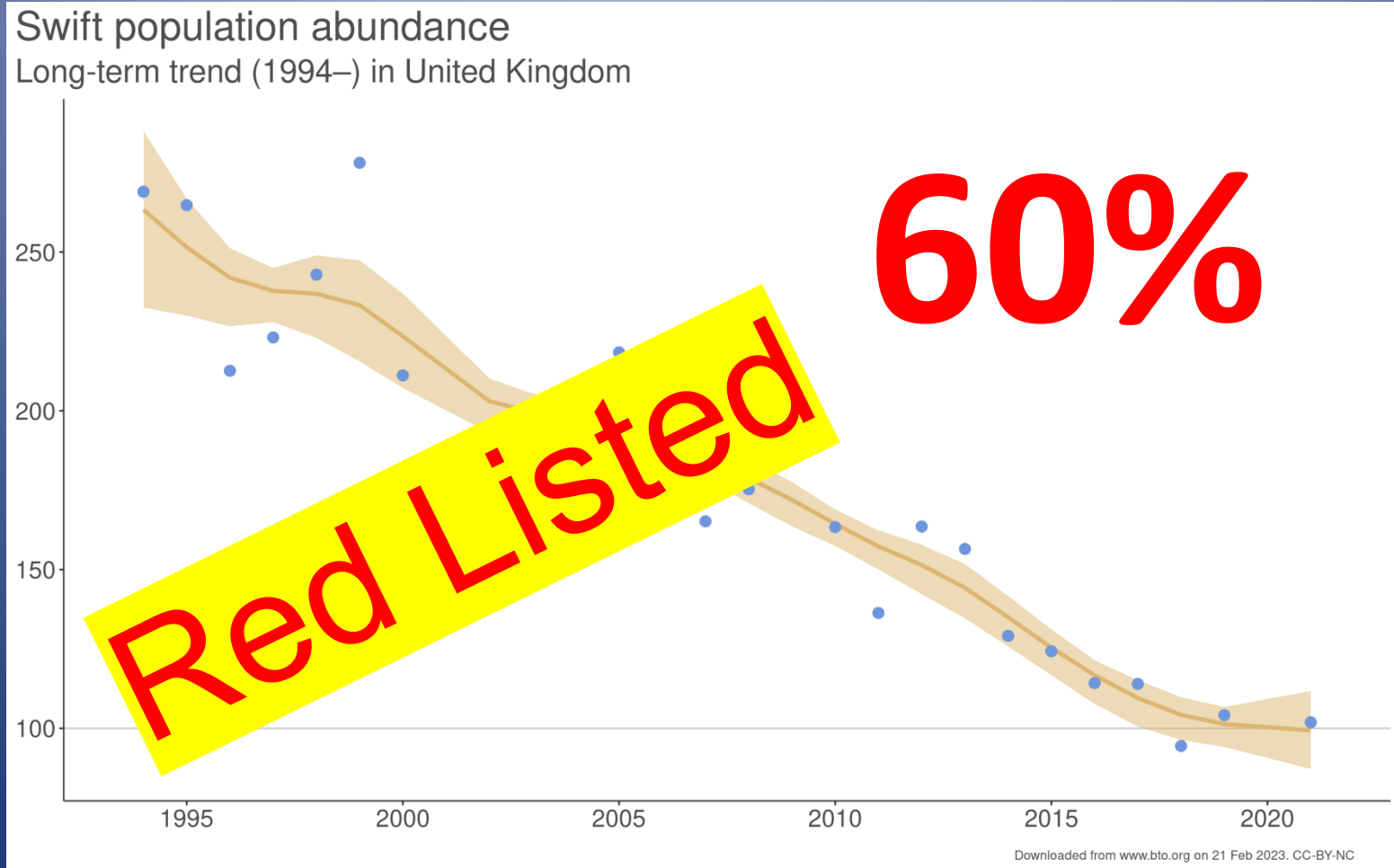


- May to early August

**Record
breakers**

- Eat, drink, mate
- Only land for 30 seconds when breeding
- Young don't land for 2-4 yrs

Swift population in serious decline



BTO: BoCC BBS population data

Swifts depend on buildings

for nest sites



nest site faithful

Swifts nest in crevices



SWIFT POPULATION DECLINE -



WHATS THE PROBLEM?

Loss of nest habitat:

- **Renovations**
- **Redevelopments**
- **Demolitions**



Building Renovations



Re-developments

KENDAL

Electricity NW site

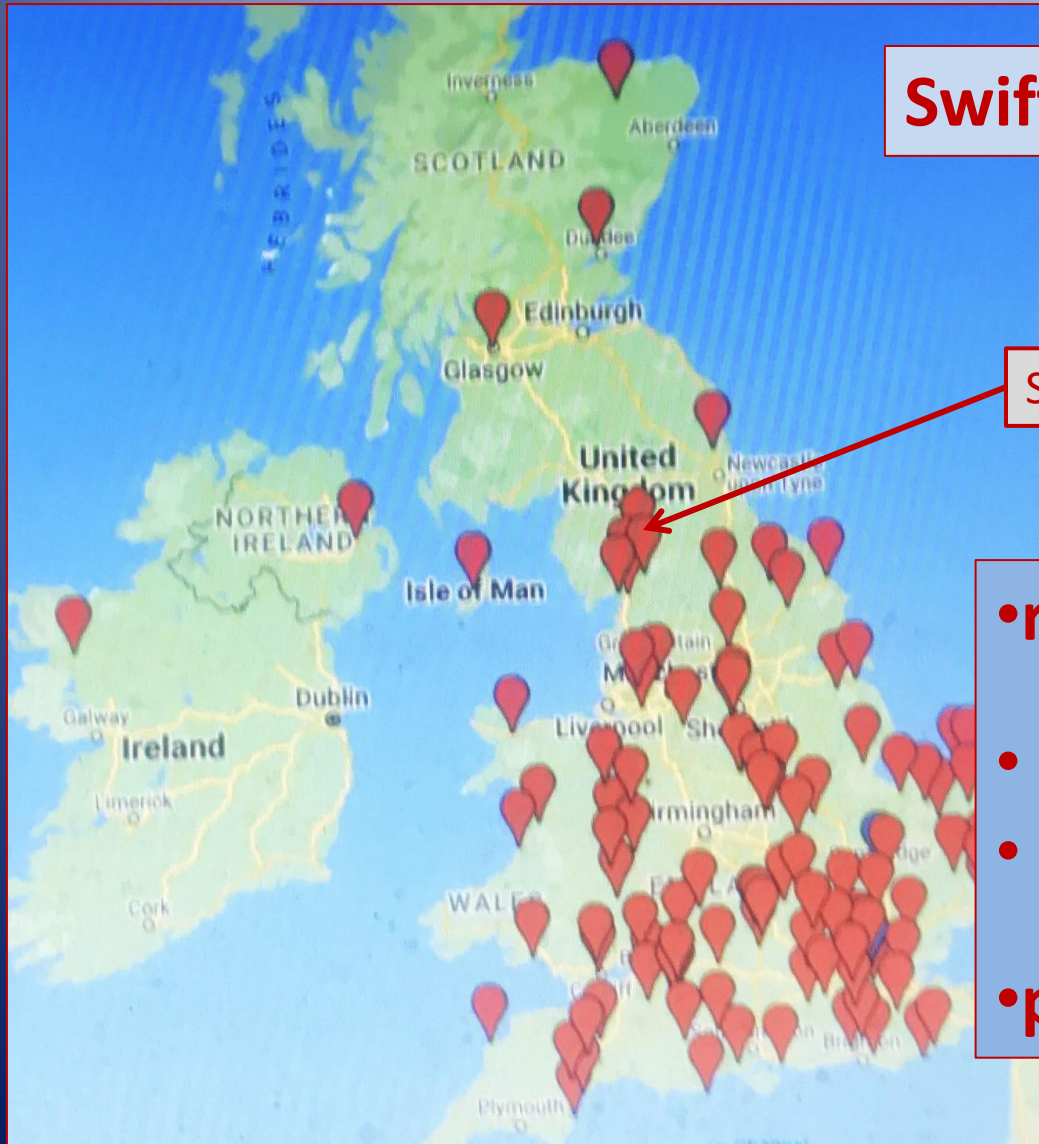


Demolitions & Re-development - Mitigation



Birk's Mill

Swifts need **OUR** help



Swift Local Network SLN

Sedbergh Community Swifts (SCS)

- retain existing nest places
- survey for nest sites
- recording
- put up nest bricks, boxes

Sedbergh: boxes under eaves



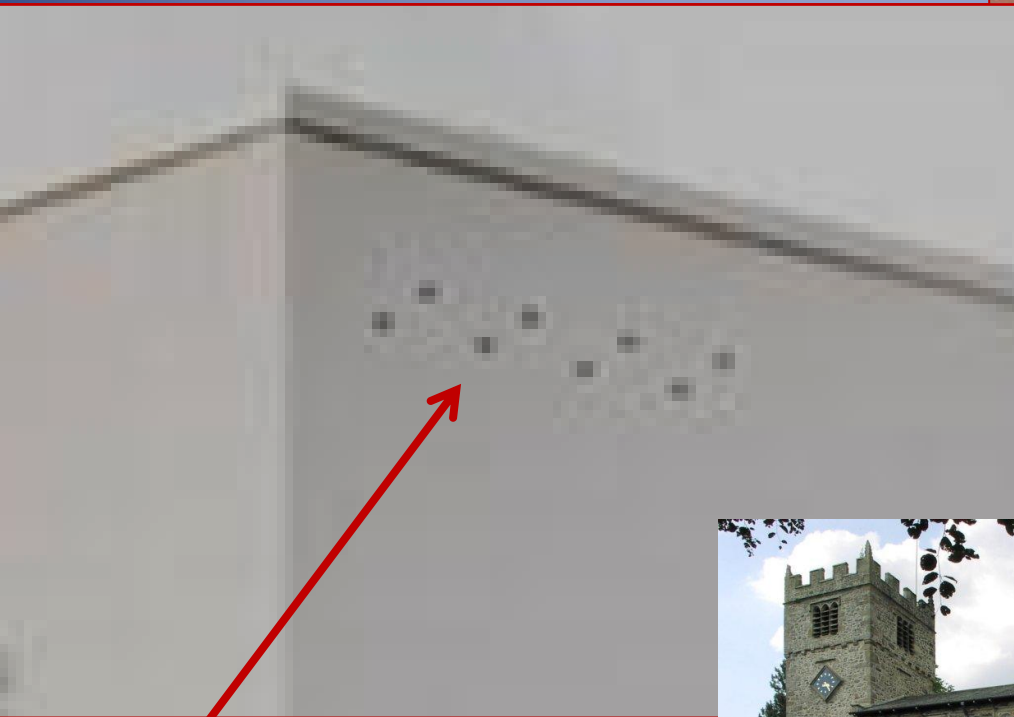
Integral nest bricks

S-brick



Public buildings and churches

- Libraries



Antrim



New developments – no opportunity for nest sites

Duchy of Cornwall:
Nansleddan
Tregunnel Hill



Barratt homes
Kingsbrook



Sedbergh: South Lakes Housing Assocn -
50 new homes - internal swift bricks

What can WE do?



- Conservation –
Survey & record nest sites
- Nest bricks & boxes -public buildings
- Planners, architects, developers
Ecologists

Volunteer to help survey & record nest sites

Swifts, spectacular birds that spend their life in the air

