

**PLOT 270 BIRD AND BAT BOXES**  
**PLOT270 CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH PARK**  
**DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **BIG Biodiversity Project of the year : Small scale**

### **Project overview**

As part of the project to construct a new multi-storey carpark and office block site team have installed a number of home-made bird and bat boxes which have been installed along some existing trees which run parallel to the A14 dual carriageway which is adjacent to the site.

### **What were the biodiversity conditions on site, prior to the enhancement?**

The conditions onsite prior to the project commencing were relatively poor in terms of value to the local biodiversity. The project sits within Cambridge Research Park and has A14 running adjacent to the site footprint. The site was previously used as a carpark and mostly consisted of an asphalt area.

### **What were the reasons behind this project ?**

The project was instigated and implemented by Mick Godfrey one of the Site Managers working on the project. The bird and bat boxes were built from offcuts gained from site and built in Micks own time before being installed on trees in a small swathe of woodland located between the project site and the A14 the other side.



*Bird and Bat Boxes installed at Plot 270*

### **What were the biodiversity measures taken?**

The project was relatively simple in the fact it involved the construction and installation of a number of bird and bat boxes.

The boxes were made by Mick Godfrey who is a site manager working on the project. It was Micks decision to construct the boxes and done completely in his own time. The boxes were constructed out of offcuts of timber arising from site activities so it also reduced the amount of materials being wasted and ending up in the onsite skip.

The designs of the boxes were gained online and were simple standard designs. The boxes were installed by site team and will be left in situ once the project is complete to hopefully be utilised by nesting birds and roosting birds for years to come. The group of trees on which the boxes have been installed are relatively small in size offering little potential in terms of bat roosts and nesting opportunities. The trees are also bordered by the A14 dual carriageway on one side so the boxes will have definitely have improved the value of the area in terms of biodiversity.

It is hoped the boxes will benefit any commuting bats using the A14 as a corridor, as well as any local small bird species which can utilise the boxes for nesting. The boxes should also add a pleasant element to the workers frequenting the office block and car-park when in use.

All vegetation clearance has been undertaken outside of bird nesting season also.



*Bird and Bat boxes installed along trees at site boundary.*

### Further information

Mick Godfrey Site Manager single handily undertook the construction and installation of the bird and bat boxes. This highlights Micks dedication to incorporating biodiversity into the projects he is working on wherever possible. The boxes were created entirely in Micks own time out of offcuts from the site. The project is easily relocatable and Mick will likely do a similar initiative if possible on the next project he is working on. Mick enjoys undertaking this kind of work as he is interested in nature and likes to assist and improve the habitats available on whatever site he is working upon whenever possible.

### Project Team

Mick Godfrey Site Manager  
Kier Project team

### What was the motivation for carrying out the enhancement?

Kiers and Micks motivation for undertaking the project comes from its continued commitment to promoting ecological enhancements on developments wherever possible.



*Vegetation clearance onsite undertaken outside of bird nesting season*