

The Offwell Woodland & Wildlife Trust

Action for Biodiversity 2009

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Bird box scheme at the Woodland Education Centre, 2009

In early 2009 35 new bird boxes were put up around the Centre to help us monitor the breeding birds on the site. The boxes were made by Lewis Bates from Chard and it was all possible due to the Heritage Lottery Funded 'Action for Biodiversity' project which is a 2 year programme of work to conserve and enhance the wildlife at the Centre.



Lewis puts up one of the boxes near the Lake.

The boxes were then monitored by Dr Mike Hounsome who lives locally. Mike checked the boxes once a week from the beginning of April to the end of June, the main breeding season. He is a qualified bird ringer and so when the chicks were very near fledging, he puts a small, extremely lightweight ring on one of the legs. The records of species and numbers of chicks can be seen in Mike's log book with this report.

[Log Book Part 1](#)

[Log Book Part 2](#)



Mike checks Box no.3



Mike rings a fledgling.

The ringing is all part of the BTO Nest Recording Scheme, for more information on this visit the BTO website.

We are very lucky to have a local volunteer willing to make us so many boxes, and also to have Mike on our doorstep to monitor the boxes. It is very much hoped that the programme of monitoring the boxes can carry on into the future.