

BALLINROBE NEST SITE REPORT

Sites with some 2024 survey info are in RED – go to relevant site to see the updates. NOTE: the updates are partial survey results and further observations are needed at all sites except where sites have been lost.

SITE No.	Address	Building Type	Occupied Natural Nests	Occupied Nest Boxes
1	Main Street	Old Court House	14 (5)	
2	Main Street	Florists	1 (0) site gone!	
3	Station Road	Old Station now residential	10 (7)	
4	Glebe Street	Café	1	
5	New Street	Centra Supermarket	3 (2)	
6	Bowgate Street	Parish Centre		external
7	Convent Street	St Joseph's School		Built-in
8	Main St	Library		Built-in
9	Convent Street	Old Convent	4 (4)	
TOTAL			31 (18)	(0)

Site No. 1: Old Court House

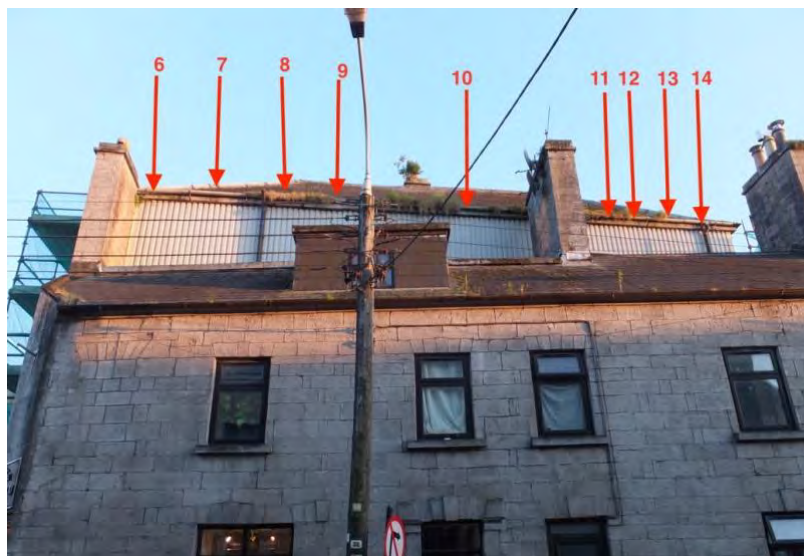
Address	Main Street (was Market Street)
Use of Building	unused
Spatial Reference	53.62404241, -9.22270596
Protected Structure Reg. No.	31215047
Year of Construction	1750 - 1755
Natural Nest Sites	14
Aspect of Natural Nests	N and NW
Total Occupied Nests	14
Swifts seen flying	12

Re-roofed in October/November/December 2018. This work was supervised by Mayo County Council's Conservation Architect. The work was carried out in collaboration with Swift Conservation Mayo to try to retain the swift nest sites.

Rear of the building which faces NW.



Side of the building viewed from Bridge Street which faces North.



Updated 7 June 2024 - Site No. 1 Old Court House

Bridge St



New nest site found on Main St (front of building)



Rear of building lots of ivy – no Swifts seen entering nest sites



Site No. 2 : Florist ‘Petals ‘n Buds’

Address	Main Street (was Market Street)
Use of Building	Florists Interflora
Spatial Reference	53.62381016, -9.22182620
Protected Structure Reg. No.	31215031
Year of Construction	1800-1838
Natural Nest Sites	1
Aspect of Natural Nests	NW



Updated 11 July 2024 - Site No. 2 Interflora – site reroofed 2 years ago and site probably gone as no activity seen.

Site No. 3 : Old Station Building

Address	Station Road
Use of Building	Residential (Old Station Building)
Spatial Reference	53.61743385,-9.2156592
Protected Structure Reg. No.	31215059
Year of Construction	1890-1895
Natural Nest Sites	10
Aspect of Natural Nests	NE, SW

Front of Old Station house facing NE



Rear of Old Station House facing SW



Updated 15 and 17 June 2024 – Site No. 3 Old Station Building

Rear of building



Front of building



Site No. 4 : Mc Hugh's Café

Address	Glebe Street
Use of Building	Commercial Café on ground floor – McHugh's
Spatial Reference	53.62385470,-9.22191203
Protected Structure Reg. No.	No
Year of Construction	Not known
Natural Nest Sites	1
Aspect of Natural Nests	NE



Updated 11 July 2024 - Site No. 4 - no activity seen.

Site No. 5 : Centra Supermarket

Address	New Street
Use of Building	Commercial Centra Supermarket
Spatial Reference	53.62058076,-9.22065675
Protected Structure Reg. No.	
Year of Construction	Not known
Natural Nest Sites	3
Aspect of Natural Nests	N



Updated 12 June 2024 – Site No 5 Centra.



Site No. 6 : Parish Centre, Bowgate Street

Address	Bowgate
Use of Building	Parish Centre
Spatial Reference	53.62065076,-9.22168136
Protected Structure Reg. No.	
Year of Construction	Not known
Natural Nest Sites	
Aspect of Natural Nests	N
Nest Boxes	2
Aspect of Nest Boxes	
Total Occupied Nests	
Swifts seen flying	

Two triple cavity Genesis magnesium oxide swift nest boxes were erected at the Parish Centre in April 2016. The attraction calls are installed at this site and played from April to mid-August. Still not occupied in 2021. Permission to erect the boxes was granted by the Conservation Architect of Mayo County Council. A small info board has been erected at the site. This project was realised in collaboration with Ballinrobe Tidy Towns.



Site No. 7 : St Joseph's Primary School

Address	Convent Street
Use of Building	St Joseph's Primary School
Spatial Reference	53.62259479,-9.21569467
Protected Structure Reg. No.	No
Year of Construction	New extension built in 2020
Nest Boxes	20
Aspect of Nest Boxes	NE & S
Total Occupied Nests	0

St Joseph's Primary School had an extension added to the school in 2020. The calls were switched on in 2021. Birds were seen flying over the school so initial interest shown in 2021.



Site No. 8: Ballinrobe Library

Address	
Use of Building	Library
Spatial Reference	53.62317066, -9.22130585
Protected Structure Reg. No.	31215049
Year of Construction	1815 to 1818
Natural Nest Sites	0
Aspect of Natural Nests	
Nest Boxes	4
Aspect of Nest Boxes	NW
Total Occupied Nests	0
Swifts seen flying	

In 2021 renovation work was carried out to the library which is an old church of Ireland. Four nest boxes were built into the tower of the building. They have built-in cameras. Calls playing from July 2024



Site No. 9: Old Convent – now play school

Updated 11 July – 4 Occupied nests. Photos to be uploaded in due course