



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No.	Address	Natural Nests Occupied	No. of Nest Boxes E=external B= Built-in	No. of Nest Boxes Occupied	Building Type	Protected Structure
1	Main Street	5	0	0	Market House	NIAH/RPS
2	Main Street	0	4 - B	0	Library	NIAH/RPS
3	Station Road	7	0	0	Old Station Master's House	NIAH
4	New Street	2	0	0	Centra Supermarket	No
5	Bowgate Street	0	6 - E	0	Parish Centre	RPS
6	Convent Street	0	17 - B	0	St Joseph's NS	No
7	Convent Street	3	0	0	Old St Joseph's Convent	NIAH/RPS
TOTALS		17	6-E, 21-B	0		

Ballinrobe Summary Table

Total Occupied Nests (natural and boxes)	17
No. External Nest Boxes available	6
No. Built-in Nest Boxes available	21
No. External Nest Boxes occupied	0
No. Built-in Nest Boxes occupied	0
No. Natural nests occupied	17



Ballinrobe

County Mayo Common Swift Survey 2024



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council



Map prepared by: Jarek Majkusiak



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



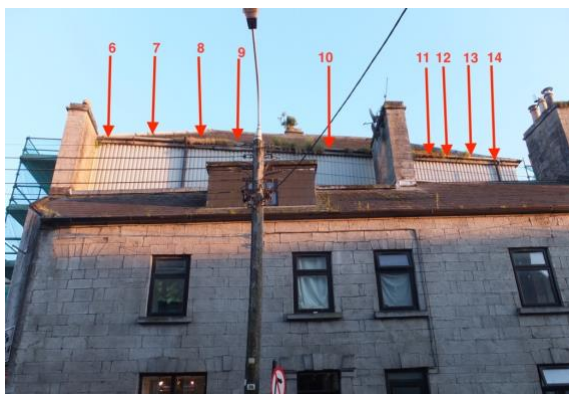
Site No. 1: Market House, Main Street

Use of Building	Market House (also known as Court House) – not in use
Eircode	F31 A034
Spatial Reference	53.62400105,-9.22257453
Protected Structure	NIAH 31215047 RPS 79 – Built 1750-1755
Natural Nest Sites	5
Aspect of Nests	N and E
Total Occupied Nests	5

Re-roofed in October/November/December 2018 - supervised by Mayo County Council Conservation Architect. The work was carried out in collaboration with Swift Conservation Mayo to try to retain the swift nest sites but these efforts were only partly successful on the North facing wall but not successful on the NW facing wall. Pre the 2018 reroofing there were 14 nest sites in this building but in 2024 only 5 occupied nest sites were recorded - see images 1b and 1c below.



1a. **BEFORE THE REROOFING IN 2018** there were 5 occupied nests at rear of building facing NW. After the reroofing NO Swifts seen using these nest sites and this was confirmed during the 2024 survey.



1b. **Pre 2018** reroofing there were 9 occupied sites



1c. The 2024 survey confirmed 4 occupied nest sites



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



1d. One new site recorded in 2024 at the front of the building facing E



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No. 2: Ballinrobe Library, Church Lane

Use of Building	Public Library (ex St Mary's Church)
Eircode	F31 YR60
Spatial Reference	53.62305931,-9.22098398
Protected Structure	NIAH 31215049 RPS 77 - Built 1810-1820
Natural Nest Sites	0
No. of Nest Boxes	4 (bespoke built-in nest boxes with cameras)
No. of Occupied Nest Boxes	0
Aspect of Nests	W
Total Occupied Nests	0

In 2021 renovation work was carried out to the Public library (ex St Mary's Church). Four bespoke nest boxes were built into the west facing side of the tower under the supervision of the Heritage Officer. They have built-in cameras.
Calls playing from July 2024



2a. Bespoke nest boxes



2b. external view of nest box entrances



2c. Project completed and attraction calls playing from 2024



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No. 3 : Old Station Masters House, Station Road

Use of Building	Residential Moran's Flats (apartments that are rented out)
Eircode	F31 DE27
Spatial Reference	53.61776796,-9.21655834
Protected Structure	NIAH 31215059 – Built 1890-95
Natural Nest Sites	7
Aspect of Nests	NE and SW
Total Occupied Nests	7



3a. Front of building facing NE with 2 occupied nests in 2024.



3b. Rear of building facing SW



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No. 4 : Centra Supermarket, New Street

Use of Building	Centra Supermarket on ground floor
Eircode	F31 YH77
Spatial Reference	53.62044076,-9.22074527
Protected Structure	No
Natural Nest Sites	2
Aspect of Nests	N
Total Occupied Nests	2



4a. North facing aspect with 2 natural nests



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No. 5: Parish Centre, Bowgate Street

Use of Building	C.B.S. Parish Centre
Eircode	F31 HE04
Spatial Reference	53.62066985,-9.22171891
Protected Structure	RPS 82 – Built c.1875
Natural Nest Sites	0
No. of Nest Boxes	6 (2 x triple entrance Genesis nest boxes)
No. of Occupied Nest Boxes	0
Aspect of Nests	E
Total Occupied Nests	0

Two triple cavity Genesis swift nest boxes were erected at the Parish Centre in April 2016 with attraction calls. 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. There was no confirmed nesting at this nest box project in the 2024 survey.



5a. Two Genesis triple nest boxes being installed in 2016. No occupancy to date.



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No. 6 : Ballinrobe NS / St Joseph's PS, Convent Road

Use of Building	Ballinrobe NS / St Joseph's PS
Eircode	F31 IE406
Spatial Reference	53.62264252,-9.21563566
Protected Structure	No
Natural Nest Sites	0
No. of Nest Boxes	17 (built-in Vivara Woodstone GZ03)
No. of Occupied Nest Boxes	0
Aspect of Nests	S & E
Total Occupied Nests	0

The school added an extension in 2020 and 18 Vivara Woodstone GZ03 nest boxes were built into two walls. The calls were switched on in 2021. Birds have been seen flying over the school but nest boxes are not yet occupied. The lights near the nest boxes operate on motion detection but are turned off by the caretaker during the Swift breeding season.



6a. Vivara Woodstone GZ03 nest boxes being built into the new school extension in 2020



6b. S aspect with 8 nest boxes



6c. E aspect with 10 nest boxes and attraction call speaker



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

BALLINROBE



Site No. 7: Old St Joseph's Convent, Convent Road

Use of Building	Bright Beginnings Playschool (Old St Joseph's Convent)
Eircode	F31 T667
Spatial Reference	53.62208891,-9.21437502
Protected Structure	NIAH 31215061 RPS 87– built in 1850-1855
Natural Nest Sites	3
Aspect of Nests	S
Total Occupied Nests	3



7a. S facing with three natural nests