



# SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

## CROSSMOLINA



| Site No.      | Address       | Natural Nests Occupied | No. of Nest Boxes<br>E=external<br>B= Built-in | No. of Nest Boxes Occupied | Building Type           | Protected Structure |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1             | Church Street | 3                      | 0  | 0                          | St Mary's Church        | NIAH/RPS            |
| 2             | Chapel Street | 0                      | 6-E<br>5-B                                     | 3<br>5                     | St Tiernan's NS         | No                  |
| 3             | Gortnor Abbey | 0                      | 11-B   | 2                          | Jesus & Mary Sec School | NIAH                |
| 4             | Business Park | 0                      | 12-B   | 6                          | Fire Station            | No                  |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |               | <b>3</b>               | <b>6-E, 28B</b>                                | <b>16</b>                  |                         |                     |

### Crossmolina Summary Table

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|--|-----------|
| <b>Total Occupied Nests (Natural and Nest Boxes)</b> | <b>19</b> |
| No. External Nest Boxes available                    | 6         |
| No. Built-in Nest Boxes available                    | 28        |
| No. External Nest Boxes occupied                     | 3         |
| No. Built-in Nest Boxes occupied                     | 13        |
| No. Natural nests occupied                           | 3         |



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County Mayo Common Swift Survey 2024



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Map prepared by: Jarek Majkusiak

Site No. 1: St Mary’s Church, Church Road

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Use of Building      | Market House (also known as Court House) – not in use |
| Eircode              | F26 WC60  |
| Spatial Reference    | 54.10247021,-9.32115912                               |
| Protected Structure  | NIAH 331205003 RPS 0153 – Built 1815-20               |
| Natural Nest Sites   | 3   |
| Aspect of Nests      | N and E   |
| Total Occupied Nests | 3   |



1a. North facing



1b. East facing – one natural nest at edge of window frame



1c. close up of nest entrance

### Site No. 2: St Tiernan's National School, Chapel Street

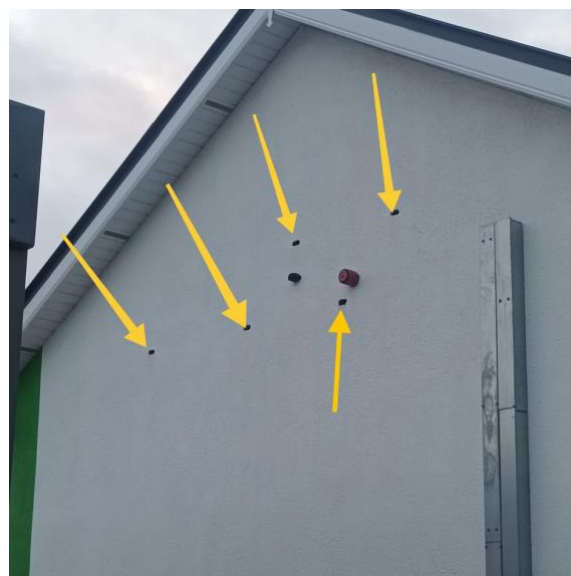
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|----------------------------|--|
| Use of Building            | St Tiernan's National School   |
| Eircode                    | F26 T224   |
| Spatial Reference          | 54.09782111,-9.31816041  |
| Protected Structure        | No   |
| Natural Nest Sites         | 0  |
| No. of Nest Boxes          | 6 (2 x external Genesis triple compartment)<br>5 (VivaraPro GZ10 built-in) |
| No. of Occupied Nest Boxes | 8  |
| Aspect of Nests            | S and E  |
| Total Occupied Nests       | 8  |

In 2016 external nest boxes (2 x Genesis triple compartment) were installed providing 6 nesting compartments.

In 2021 the school had an extension added and 5 Vivara Pro GZ10 nest boxes were built into the south facing gable.



2a. East facing external nest boxes with the three right hand nest compartments occupied in 2024



2b. South facing gable with 5 built-in nest boxes. All 5 were occupied in 2024.



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### Site No. 3: Jesus & Mary Secondary School, Gortnor Abbey

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Use of Building            | Jesus & Mary Secondary School  |
| Eircode                    | F26 W566                       |
| Spatial Reference          | 54.09778336,-9.29878950        |
| Protected Structure        | NIAH 31303801– Built 1700-1777 |
| Natural Nest Sites         | 0                              |
| No. of Nest Boxes          | 11 (VivaraPro GZ10 built-in)   |
| No. of Occupied Nest Boxes | 2                              |
| Aspect of Nests            | N and E                        |
| Total Occupied Nests       | 2                              |

The old part of the building is as listed structure but there are no Swift nest sites there. However, in 2022 the school built an extension and incorporated 11 VivaraPro built-in nest boxes. The project was completed in 2023. The nest boxes are built into the back wall of the new extension



3a. aerial view the school. The yellow arrow marks the location of the nest boxes.



3b. Two occupied nest boxes – one North facing and one East facing



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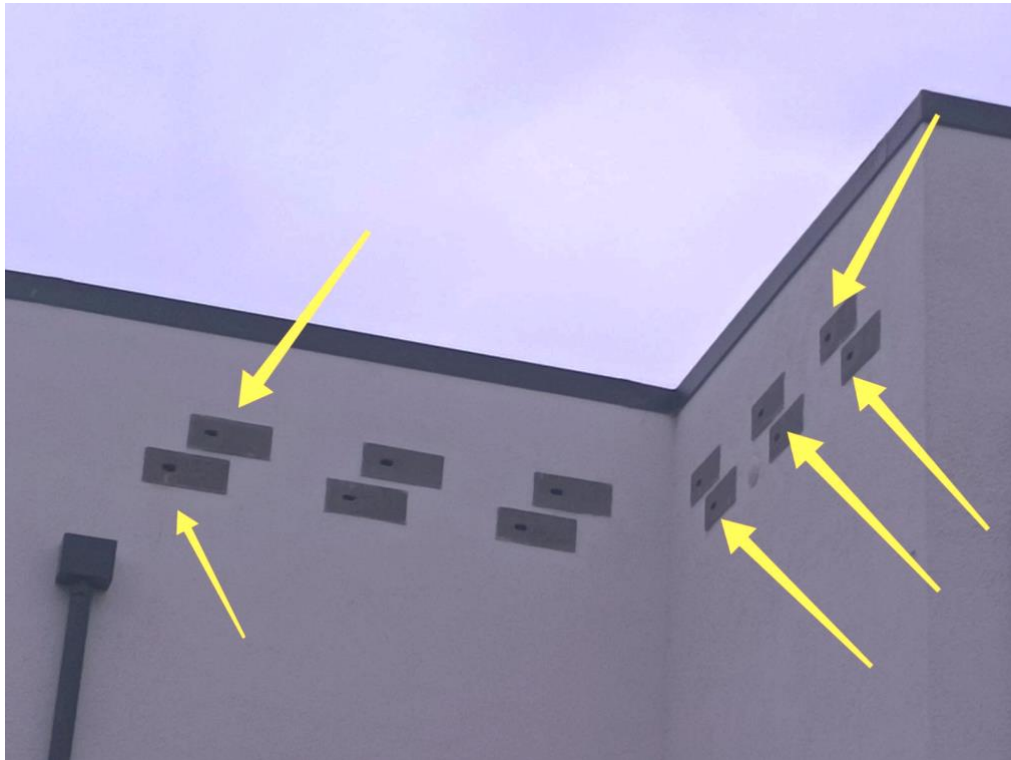
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### Site No. 4: Fire Station, Crossmolina Business Park

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Use of Building            | Jesus & Mary Secondary School |
| Eircode                    | F26 K635                      |
| Spatial Reference          | 54.10037535,-9.31009769       |
| Protected Structure        | No                            |
| Natural Nest Sites         | 0                             |
| No. of Nest Boxes          | 12 (VivaraPro GZ10 built-in)  |
| No. of Occupied Nest Boxes | 6                             |
| Aspect of Nests            | S and E                       |
| Total Occupied Nests       | 6                             |

In 2022 Mayo County Council built a new Fire Station in Crossmolina. Attraction calls were played for the first time in 2023 and Swifts were observed screaming around the building in that first season. The nest boxes are located at the rear of the building.



4a. South and East facing walls with 6 occupied nest boxes in 2024