



SWIFT SURVEY REPORT 2024

FOXFORD



No.	Address	Natural Nests Occupied	No. of Nest Boxes E=external B= Built-in	No. of Nest Boxes Occupied	Building Type	Protected Structure
1	Church Road	26	0	0	St Michael's Church	NIAH/RPS
2	Ballina Road	0	15 - E	0	National School	No
TOTALS		26	15-E	0		

Foxford Summary Table

Total Occupied Nests (Natural and Nest Boxes)	26
No. External Nest Boxes available	15
No. Built-in Nest Boxes available	0
No. External Nest Boxes occupied	0
No. Built-in Nest Boxes occupied	0
No. Natural nests occupied	26



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County Mayo Common Swift Survey 2024



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Mayo County Council



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

Use of Building	St Michael’s Church
Eircode	F26 XA61
Spatial Reference	53.98038943,-9.11149621
Protected Structure	NIAH 312060015 RPS 0145 – Built 1875-1880
Natural Nest Sites	26
Aspect of Nests	North, West, East
Total Occupied Nests	26

St Michael’s Church is the ONLY known Swift breeding site in Foxford.



1a. West facing wall of church – looking from left to middle of the wall



1b. West and North facing – looking from middle to right of the wall



1c. East facing wall



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Site No. 2: Foxford National School, Moy Lodge

Use of Building	Foxford National School
Eircode	F26 A392
Spatial Reference	53.97958815,-9.10974741
Protected Structure	No
Natural Nest Sites	0
No. of Nest Boxes	12 (in Swift Tower) 3 (1 x Genesis triple compartment)
No. of Occupied Nest Boxes	0
Aspect of Nests	North, South, East, West
Total Occupied Nests	0

The Swift Tower was sponsored by the following : Foxford Development Association, Mayo County Council, Salmon Anglers, Tiernan Brothers, Foxford Riverfest, Swift Conservation Mayo, Cy O'Hara and Cleo de Vito, the school. It was installed in August 2017 in the grounds of the school. Attraction calls were played from May 2018. Unfortunately, the calls for the Swift tower stopped working in 2020 due to a faulty solar panel and this needs to be repaired.

However, in 2022 a Genesis triple compartment nest box with caller was installed on the school building.

No Swift activity was recorded during the 2024 survey.



2a. Swift Tower with nest compartments facing north, south, east and west



2b. The black arrow marks the location where a Genesis Triple compartment nest box is installed