

CELCA Grant Application Form

Owl Boxes - Alison Landale

Application Reference: GM 12/09/2023.5

Applicant/Organisation:

Barn and Tawny Owl Boxes: applying for additional funding for more nest boxes to be erected within the CELCA area. We have a huge and varied area of both farming and moorland. Owl boxes provide interest and education for everyone; they improve sites for the birds and preserve wildlife. They also encourage exercise and fresh air to benefit the health of local people as they go to observe what is happening with the owls.

A box on Cranshaws Community Walk would add interest for walkers and possibly one around Longformacus Park.

There have been a number of boxes put up already around 45 in total about 3-4 years ago. We have been asked for more now by people who have had none, and several people asked if they could have a second box. Barn Owls often use 2 boxes close to one another. Tawny owls nest in a different type of location from Barn Owls. It can take up to 3 years for a pair of owls to use a site or box provided, but once happy there, they keep returning. From September onwards is an ideal time to provide nesting boxes to give the birds optimum time to examine and possibly decide to use CELCA ones.

To date we have provided around 20 Barn and 14 Tawny boxes.

A retired Berwickshire gentleman from Hutton has been making the boxes, which is why we decided to use him when the first application was presented; 2 other local people kindly collected and delivered boxes in the past.

This application is because there has been a request from a resident from a farm, as they would like to have one or two.

Any funds not used will be reabsorbed at the next meeting and post cards will be sent out to advertise as well as request any pictures of owls which have used CELCA boxes.

Reason for Application:

Provide funds for 10 Barn and 10 Tawny Owl nest boxes to be erected at local sites

Benefit to the Community:

Increased interest in, knowledge of and numbers of owls in the area. People will be more aware of and encouraged to take care of their environment and may take up bird watching.

Disability Provisions:

Everyone can be helped to find a site viewable from a place they can access

Details of Funding Requested:

ITEM	QTY	COST
Barn Owl Boxes	10 @ £90	£900.00
Tawny Owl Boxes	10 @ £90	£900.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST		£1,800.00

Amount requested from CELCA: £1,800.00

Details of other sources of funding:

None

Contributions from Applicant/Organisation:

Supervised by the applicant

Dates of Project:

September 2023