

## **Saltburn golf club nest boxes**

I have completed renewing and repairing the nest boxes at the Saltburn golf course. There are now 30 small bird boxes, suitable for sparrows, tits, wrens etc.

Approximately 12 boxes had to be replaced with new ones, and 12 repaired. This was all due to squirrel damage. Only 6 of your original boxes were viable without any attention.

I have also installed a new tawny owl box making 2 on the course.

Roughly boxes 1 to 4 are on the left of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway. Boxes 5 to 8 are towards the 5<sup>th</sup> tee. Boxes 9 to 14 are back over the course towards the 12<sup>th</sup> green then 15 to 17 down to the club car park.

For access to the remaining boxes I moved my car, parking it at the roadside near the 11<sup>th</sup> tee box. Boxes 18 to 27 are on both sides of the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway. 28 to 30 a short way up the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The new tawny box is in the woods to the left of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole. The existing tawny box to the rear of the 6<sup>th</sup> green.

Unless something happens and attention is required, I do not propose to do any other work on the boxes this winter. My next visit will be in the spring to start checking on box occupancy. Your greenkeeper Phil is aware of the work I have done and has my details.

I will notify the club in the spring when I start checking the boxes and if anyone wishes to join me checking them, I would be only too happy for them to accompany me.

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