



**For the attention of Tattenhall Parish Council
c/o Clerk Ann Wright**

About Us

The Broxton Barn Owl Group (BBOG) has been in existence since 1992, during which time have erected over 500 Barn Owl boxes in West Cheshire.

Boxes are normal located in open countryside where the pre-dominate landscape character is one of fallow rough grassland.

Each year, group members accredited by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) will visit a number of these boxes to trap, ring and record details of any owls found. These records are then sent to the BTO.

Location Assessment

Officials of the BBOG with clerk, Ann Wright, visited the Parish Council land off Chester Road in Tattenhall on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

The site is predominately surrounded by woodland and located in the middle of the village. It is not ideal habitat given that Barn Owls prefer to roost and breed in the open countryside. There are a few boxes that can be viewed close to Tattenhall, but outside the settlement envelope that have been successful in helping the owls to prosper.

On a positive note, we would describe the main site as unimproved grassland, which if not regularly mown, can provide excellent habitat for Owl and Kestrel prey species of voles, shrews and wood and field mice.

Recommendations for Consideration (See appendix A)

A Barn Owl, Tawny Owl or Kestrel box could be located on one of the large Oak trees in the Main field.

The spinney wood land containing the newly provided footpath alongside the brook is excellent habitat for small birds and would provide an excellent location for the election of several small bird boxes.

This initiative could involve local school children in helping to make bird boxes, [plans](#) of which can be obtained from the Internet



BBOG Offer

If the Parish Council are minded to erect a Barn Owl, Tawny Owl or Kestrel box on the main field, then BBOG members could supply and fit.

The cost of this would depend on the type of box chosen.

We would require a team of 3 members to fit the preferred box, for which our labour charges are £15 per person per hour.

We would estimate that it would take around two hours to complete the work, which would include transport to the site.

Regards

Bernard Wright, Chairman
Chris Whitehurst, Secretary

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Broxton Barn Owl Group
Helping our feathered friends





Appendix A

