

Dear Wildlife Enthusiast

**Re: Help us get our Sand Martins back**

Parc Slip Nature Reserve is the Wildlife Trusts flagship nature reserve in South Wales. Over the past two years the reserve has undergone a transformation to increase its suitability for a host of wildlife species including Little-ringed Plover and Lapwing.

Key to the new habitat enhancements has been the creation a series of wetland Scrapes, which now provide ideal foraging opportunities for **Sand Martin**, a species that hasn't been recorded breeding at the reserve for over 15 years.



Sand Martins are Europe's smallest member of the Swallow and Martin family (Hirundinidae), with brown markings above, white below and the distinctive brown band across the chest. As their Latin name (*Riparia riparia*) suggests, Sand Martins are associated with water, where they are seen in spring and summer hunting for insects over our rivers and lakes.

Now that foraging habitat has been created in the form of the new scrapes, the Wildlife Trust would like to provide suitable nesting opportunities for the species. Natural nest sites for Sand Martins are normally burrows in vertical river banks where they nest colonially for greater protection. We aim to create suitable nesting conditions by providing a natural and artificial nest bank. Together, the structures will provide nesting burrows for dozens of these magnificent long-distance travellers.



To enable WTSWW to provide suitable nesting habitat for Sand Martins at Parc Slip, we are currently fundraising for a total of **£2,000** toward the costs of creating artificial Sand Martin nesting banks alongside our new wetland scrapes.

We are hoping that you may be able to help us create the nesting banks by donating toward the project.

Thank you once again for your time and support and if you are able to donate to the project, please return your donation using the enclosed form or contact me by phone (01656 724100) or email ([r.parry@welshwildlife.org](mailto:r.parry@welshwildlife.org)). **Thank you for your support.**

Yours sincerely



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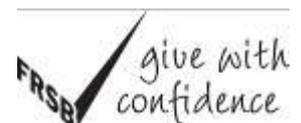
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