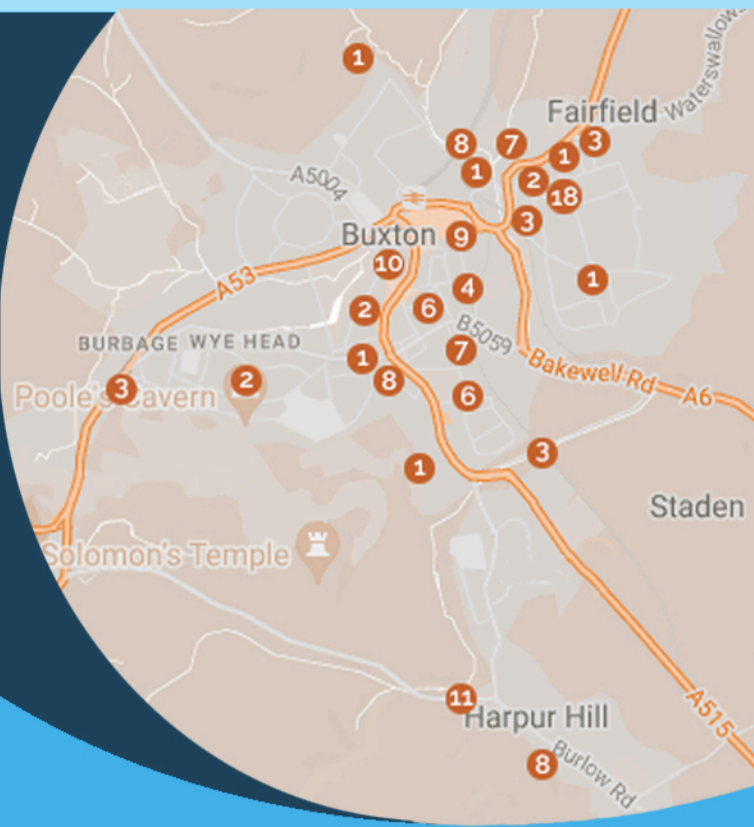


Nest locations in 2024 showing numbers in each colony



Colony sizes appear to be stable but there is some movement between individual nest holes from year to year. In 2024, **50%** of nests were repeats of exact locations in 2023.



80% of nests are under eaves with most other sites in gables. A few nests are in masonry holes.

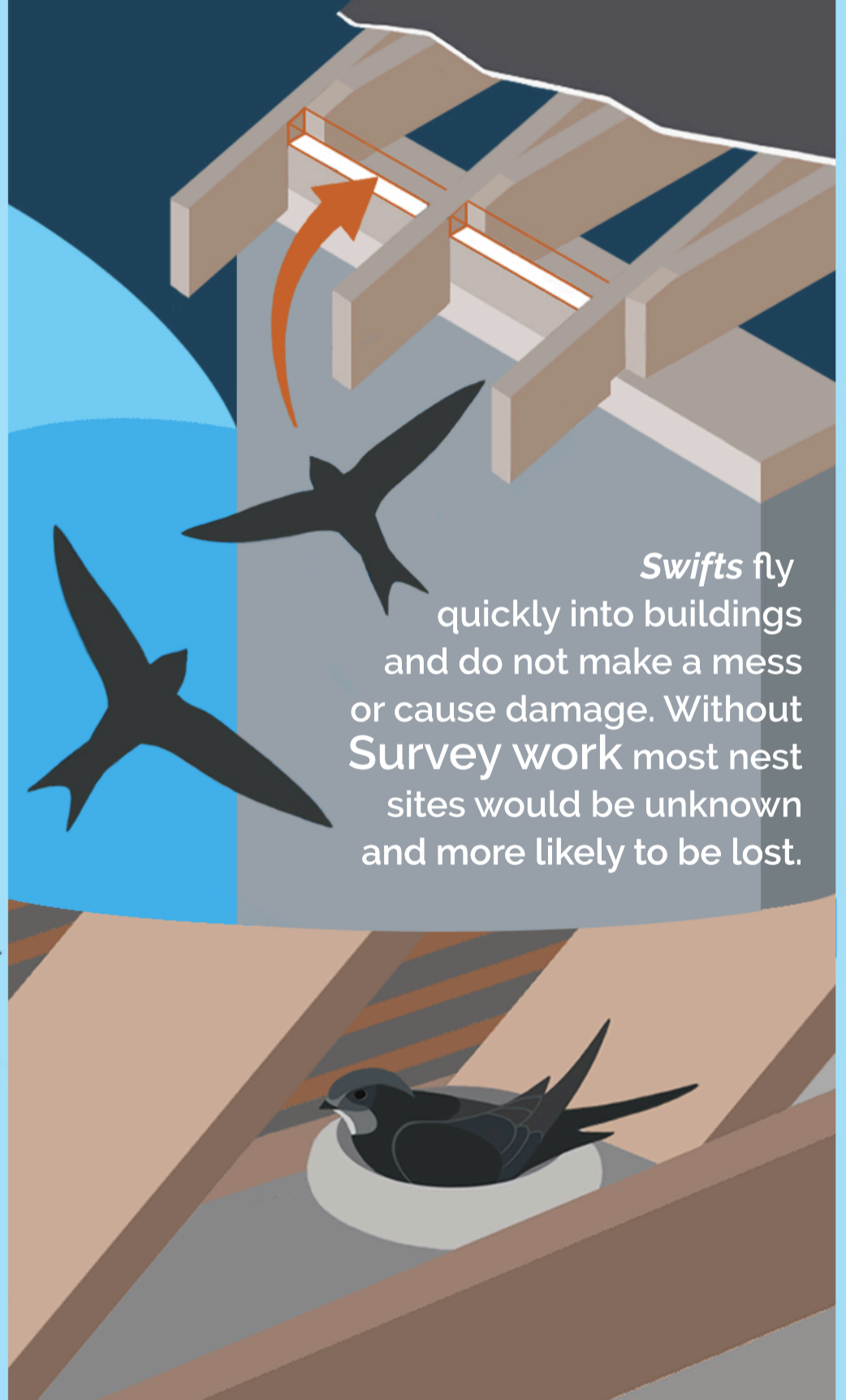
on Compton Road, *Swifts* favour the front gables, with nest sites often in the apexes.

In **21** out of the **25** locations where *Swifts* nest, the same buildings also provide nest spaces for House Sparrows



Swifts are Red Listed having declined by **60%** since 1995. A major cause of decline is loss of nest sites due to renovation of buildings which blocks access for *Swifts*.

Buxton's *Swifts* rely on traditional buildings with **open eaves** and gables. Small ventilation gaps provide access for *Swifts* to nest on the wall top or on gable brick ends.



Swifts fly quickly into buildings and do not make a mess or cause damage. Without **Survey work** most nest sites would be unknown and more likely to be lost.