

Location	Bough Beech
Case Study	Owl Tower
Date Completed	2020

SES Water was approached by local volunteers to build a Wildlife Tower on SES Water company land. One of the drivers was the decline in barn owl populations thought to be down to the loss of suitable habitats for roosting and nesting e.g. old barns, hollow trees and outbuildings. The wildlife tower was built to provide this habitat.

- The tower is a suitable habitat for not just Barn Owl but also Little Owl, Kestrels and other small cavity nesting birds such as tits, sparrows, fly catchers and on occasion bats.
- Barn Owls like all wild birds, are protected by law in the UK making it an offence to intentionally kill, injure or take them or damage, take or destroy their nest or eggs. The Barn Owl is protected further making it unlawful to intentionally or recklessly disturb it while preparing to breed or is at a nest with eggs or young, or to disturb its dependent young.



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