



## ***BESST Pied Flycatcher Survey***

*Monday 10 June 0900 - 1300*

*Venue: The Wrekin, Telford*

*Please Note: All to meet at the Forest Glen car park (foot of the Wrekin)*

### ***Agenda***

***09:00 – 09:15 Arrival & Health and Safety Briefing***

#### ***BESST 2017 Biodiversity Day - Pied Flycatcher***

In 2009 Ricoh (RPL) began its biodiversity journey by partnering with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and expert ornithologist Glenn Bishton on a project to support Pied Flycatchers (a small bird that migrates from Africa to nest in the UK). Despite the success of the project (which has now established a growing colony in the Wrekin Forest) this species has continued to decline to a now critical level.

To counter this BESST joined with Glen and Shropshire Wildlife Trust in the Wrekin Forest to install more nest- boxes specifically targeted for this species. The boxes had been built by RPL's Tom Firmstone as part of BESST's support for the Shelter Wildlife Together campaign (using waste materials to create wildlife habitats). Under Glenn's guidance BESST members installed the boxes to increase the habitat and enable future surveys to continue monitoring this endangered species.

***This event is an opportunity to allow those engaged in the project to have the opportunity to observe and enjoy the pied flycatchers and for Glenn to inform everyone as they walk through the site.***

***We will check the number of pairs occupying the 20 boxes we installed high up the hill in 2018 and perhaps look for additional habitat where we might install additional nest boxes in the future – this will support the survey work.***

***Do please bring any binoculars or cameras ( photos are not guaranteed but never know).***

*To reserve a place at this event please email [telford-besst@outlook.com](mailto:telford-besst@outlook.com)*

*Please ensure that you have appropriate footwear and clothing for this event as the group will be leaving the main pathways.*

*This event is very much dependent upon the weather being suitable so please ensure we have a mobile phone number for you in case we need to make last minute alternate arrangements*