

**London, 10th January, 2022 – 70 Nestboxes for 70 Years.** To celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee this year, Kabir Kaul, Young Ambassador of the Cameron Bepolka Trust, wants schools in London to encourage more birds to nest on their school grounds. The Cameron Bepolka Trust is giving away 70 bird boxes to the first 70 schools who sign up and Kabir feels it’s a great way for young people to connect with wildlife.

“I hope that, in celebration of the Queen’s seventieth year on the throne, this initiative will help to introduce urban nature to children in London in a most simple way. Now, more than ever, we need younger generations to value the natural environment around them, especially in cities, where many more of us will be living in the near future.” Kabir Kaul, Young Ambassador.



Kabir Kaul. Photo credit: Gayatri Kaul



One of the bird boxes. Photo credit: C J Wildlife



Robin. Photo credit: Amy Hall

Kabir launched this initiative with the support of the Cameron Bepolka Trust, a charity who organises events for young people to engage with nature, the Swift Conservation Organisation and C.J. Wildlife who are supplying the bird boxes. C.J Wildlife offer a wide variety of high-quality products for garden birds, squirrels, bats and insects. They work closely with the Cameron Bepolka Trust Young Ambassadors and support many of their projects.

The Swift Conservation Organisation were also very keen to help Kabir with his project. They are providing additional boxes for any school who has a suitable site for a Swift Box. Swifts are in huge decline and this is mainly due to lack of habitat. Swift boxes need to be high up and on buildings and do not need trees and green spaces. The Swift Conservation Organisation are hoping that there will be many new suitable sites for them to provide a free and much needed home to.



Swift boxes on the outside of a building



Swifts in their nest

From 10th January onwards, the first 70 schools in the 32 London boroughs and the City of London, who have a suitable place for a nest box, can apply for a free box to be sent to them. More details and the application form can be found on the Cameron Bepolka Trust website [www.cameronbepolka.com](http://www.cameronbepolka.com).

#### Further information:

Cameron Bepolka Trust [www.cameronbepolka.com](http://www.cameronbepolka.com)

Swift Conservation Organisation more [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org)

C.J. Wildlife [www.birdfood.co.uk](http://www.birdfood.co.uk)