

# TAPNELL FARM

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## Swallow Report

### 02/04/2025

- 2 potential breeding swallows have arrived and look to be searching for a nest.
  - o 17/04/2025 – 2 Eggs inside a nest located in [pig shed](#).
  - o 10/05/2025 – 3 more eggs inside the nest.
  - o Eggs never hatched.

### 30/04/2025

- 4 swallows total observed flying around the paddock
  - o A second nest has been found inside the [donkey's shed](#).
  - o 20/05/2025 – 6 eggs found inside the [donkey's shed](#) nest.
  - o 29/05/2025 – 4 chicks hatched in [donkey shed](#) (2 eggs assumed unhatched).

### 28/07/2025

- Nest found near the [café store shed](#) with 4 chicks inside.

In total, we saw 8 chicks hatch in two sites. 4 chicks in the paddocks inside our donkey's shed, and 4 more chicks near the store shed and picnic area on a roof. 5 eggs were laid in a shed belonging to pigs in the paddocks, but unfortunately, these eggs never hatched. There was an absence of the breeding pair shortly after the eggs were laid.

This year, we saw 12 less chicks hatch on the farm park. Old nests were reused, however only one set of eggs were laid this year rather than multiple. This could be due to the animal sheds where the nests were located being moved prior to the swallows' arrival, or perhaps loss of breeding pair members due to death or relocation.

For next year, we hope to observe more swallows arriving than this year, as additional potential nest sites have been made such as the Shetland Pony shed which is located at a quieter part of our paddocks.