

# HOLLY LANE NEWS

## Coal Tit makes nest in Dapper's bird box

### BIRD PROJECT: INTERVIEW WITH A BIRD WATCHER



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I am going to Interview my Granda. I am going to video call him on zoom and ask him five questions about bird watching.



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The Coal tit is moving along a branch.

### Interview with Dapper, my Granda

**Me:** When did you start bird watching?

**Dapper:** I started bird watching when I was about your age. My mum got me some Bantem hens and 3 or 4 doves.

**Me:** Where do you go bird watching?

**Dapper:** When I was able to drive a car, me and my dog paddy used to go out to Strangford Lough in my boat, I also brought a camera to take photographs. Recently, my family got me a present for a bird watching club. I have been to Tyrella beach, Victoria park and Hillsborough.

**Me:** Do you have bird boxes?

**Dapper:** I have a bird box in the back of my garden for years and yesterday I saw a coal tit bring twigs into the box to make a nest again this year.

**Me:** what do you need to go bird watching?

**Dapper:** You need binoculars and you need a little notebook to jot down what birds you see. I

like to bring a camera to take photographs of what I see.

**Me:** what types of bird do you see

**Dapper:** when I was in Strangford lough I saw mostly sea birds called waders, red shank and green shank, geese and all kinds of sea birds. Lots of Oyster Catchers and other sea birds. I have seen all types of garden birds and enjoyed seeing Kingfishers in Strangford lough, They are beautiful little birds, I loved seeing them dive into rivers to catch fish.

I enjoyed video calling Dapper because I have not seen him in a long time. I would like to go birdwatching with him when the lockdown is over. Maybe my cousin Daniel could come too. I am so happy Dapper has joined a birdwatching club, I hope he can go back to the club soon.

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