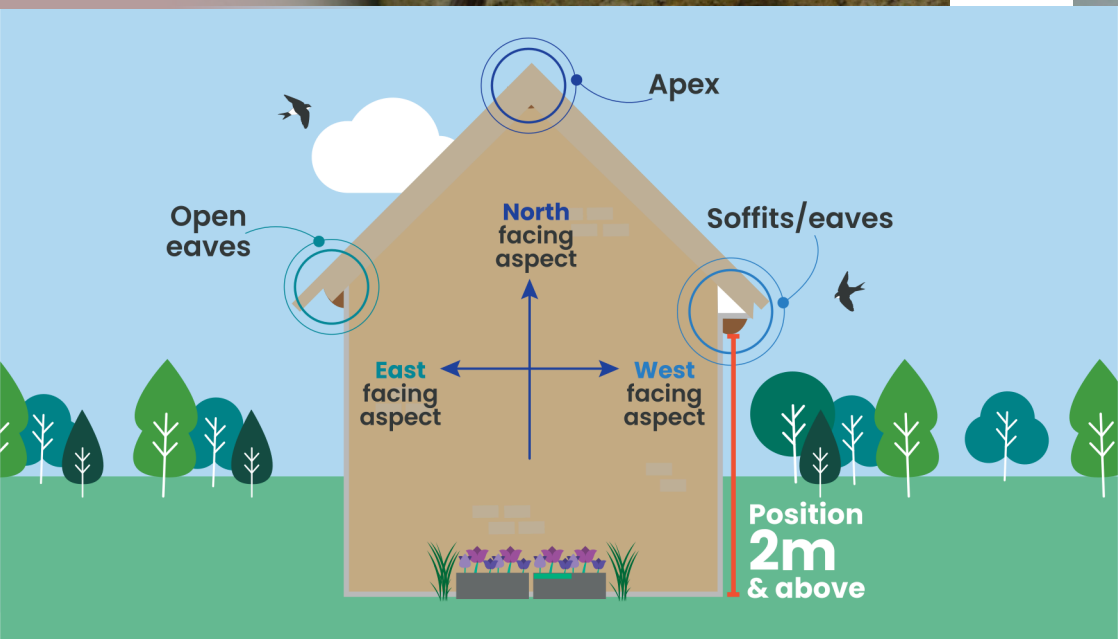




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Where should you place a nest cup?

The first place house martins will prospect will likely be the apex, the next favoured positions are open eaves and soffits/eaves. North, east and west aspects are good but care should be taken when placing nest cups on south facing orientations. Eaves will need to have a deep enough overhang to create shade throughout the day. All nest cups should be placed at a minimum two metre height from the ground.

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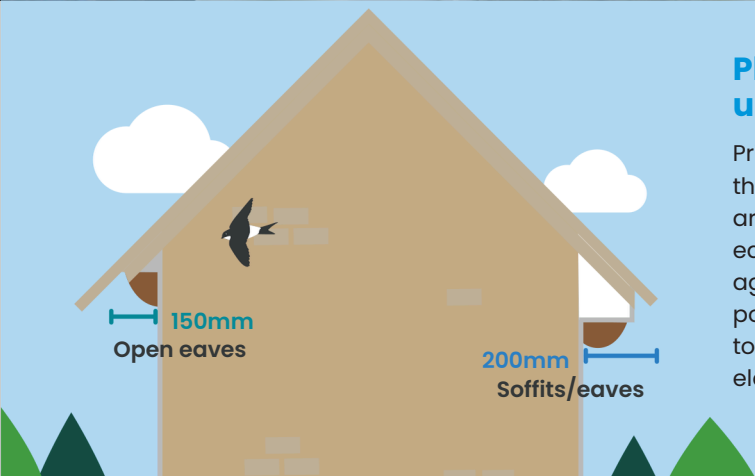


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Placing the nest cup under soffits/eaves

Primarily, it is important that the nest cups' top boards are butted up tight to the eaves or soffits and the side/s against the rafters where possible. The reason for this is to minimise exposure to the elements and predators.



Droppings

House martins leave droppings which can be an issue for some households but they are easily removed with a hosepipe or brush. Flower pots can be placed on the ground beneath the nests or a board can be fixed to the wall. The correct positioning of a droppings board, is at least 2 metres below the nest cups. We are aware that some suppliers are providing incorrect information as to this depth thus offering a perch for predators to pick off house martins.



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