

BATS IN CHURCHES



All Saints BRAUNSTON-IN- RUTLAND

The Issue

In 2013 a maternity colony of up to 400 Soprano Pipistrelles moved into the church. The bats settled in the south aisle roof void above the church's surviving medieval wall paintings.



What We Did

The gaps between the roost and the interior were blocked and bats excluded from the church. A pole-mounted triple bat box was installed next to the churchyard.

The church holds beer and bat nights with the local pub and bat group, has hosted a cleaning workshop and been a venue for training church NBMP surveyors. The story of All Saints and its bats is told in the children's picture book *The Little Church Bat*.

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