

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St John the Baptist COLD OVERTON Leicestershire

### The Issue

Maternity colonies of Soprano Pipistrelles and Natterer's Bats roost among the roof timbers of the nave. The droppings and urine were damaging the rare C13th wall paintings, adding to the cleaning burden, and putting some people off coming to church.



### What We Did

Bespoke bat compartments were built within the nave roof. Although bats are using these compartments they are still entering the church and causing a mess.

The local bat group monitors the bats for the NBMP and has a stall at the annual church fete.

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