

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St Mary the Virgin DALHAM Cambs



### The Issue

The church has a small but important maternity roost of Common Pipistrelles along with Soprano Pipistrelles and Brown Long-eared bats. The church can struggle to keep up with cleaning and are concerned about damage to the wall paintings, especially a painted text beneath the tower arch

commemorating the 1625 restoration of the church.



### What We Did

We have funded a comprehensive bat management plan to give the church a range of options to help reduce the impact of the bats, including the option to add a baffle above the painted text on the west wall.

The church has also hosted our On A Wing & A Prayer art installation and we have helped them produce a guided walking 'passport' trail around three local churches.

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