

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Edmund EGLETON Rutland

The Issue

A very large (>1,000) maternity colony of Soprano Pipistrelles roosts in the nave roof void and bats enter the church through a hole in the ceiling, leaving a lot of mess and also causing an unpleasant smell.



What We Did

Bat surveys in 2021 identified the bat access points. Repairs to the ceiling were carried out in autumn 2022. Monitoring in summer 2023 revealed no reduction in bat numbers. Some extra repair work will be carried out in autumn 2023 as bats are still getting into the church.

The local bat group monitors the church for NBMP. The church held several bat watching events in 2021 and a community bat count in July 2023.

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