

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Mary FREEBY Leicestershire

The Issue

St Mary's, which is cared for by The CCT, shelters large maternity colonies of Natterer's Bats and Common Pipistrelles. The bats make a lot of mess and the pews and other items need to be covered in unsightly polythene.



What We Did

In July 2022, in conjunction with Garthorpe and Coston churches, and led by ecologist Barry Collins, St Mary's hosted a VBRV training event for members of local bat groups on how to survey churches for bats.

The bats are monitored annually by the local bat group for NBMP.

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