BATS CHURCHES





St Mary GARTHORPE Leicestershire

The Issue

Cared for by The CCT, Garthorpe church is home to a maternity colony of Natterer's Bats. Brown Longeared Bats and Common Pipistrelles are also known to roost inside St Mary's.



The bats cause a significant amount of mess inside the church.

What We Did

In July 2022, in conjunction with Freeby 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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