

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Mary GAYTON THORPE Norfolk



The Issue

St Mary's has one of the largest bat colonies in Norfolk with over 800 Common and Soprano Pipistrelle bats using the church. This was causing a considerable amount of mess and damage in this small, early Medieval and Saxon church



What We Did

The project, along with ecologist Phil Parker has helped to install new roosting space in the rafters, including relining the space with safe materials, added a bespoke wall top box in the nave eaves to contain the bat roost, replaced insulation, and built more boxes in the surrounding churchyard trees.

The church are now hoping to increase the number of bats using the church, and use them as a tool for local community engagement.

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