

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## Holy Trinity GREAT HOCKHAM Norfolk



### The Issue

Great Hockham is home to at least five species of bats, most of which cause no problems. However the maternity roost of Natterer's bats can access the interior of the church and are causing potential damage to the extensive scheme of medieval wall paintings.



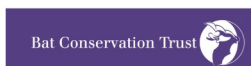
### What We Did

We have constructed four heated rafter boxes in each corner of the aisle to contain the Natterer's roost and installed external boxes on the south side of the church.

We are now monitoring the church to see if extra blocking is needed to exclude the bats from the church interior.

The church hosted a cleaning workshop and has had specialist advice on removing bat droppings from the carved pews.

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