

BATS IN CHURCHES



All Saints GREAT HORKESLEY Essex



The Issue

The Grade 1 church is affected by bats, mess and smell. Species and roosts are numerous and diverse, including pipistrelle, Brown long-eared bat, Serotine and several maternity colonies of Natterer's Bat.



What We Did

The project engaged ecologist Andrew Palmer to produce a bat management plan in 2021. Working with the PCC and church architect, a proposal to provide alternative roosts for the Natterer's colonies has been adopted. Heated and unheated boxes will be placed in the north aisle, where the mess will have less impact on church use. The church has a good link with Essex bat group, who led a popular bat walk in 2021 around the church.

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