

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St Peter GUESTWICK Norfolk



### The Issue

Guestwick is home to a maternity colony of Natterer's bats, mainly using the south aisle and chancel arch. The church has been involved in a number of trials to reduce the impact of bats, including audio deterrents and radio tracking but these have not been able to provide a long term solution.



### What We Did

We have installed a mix of rafter boxes and larger boxes throughout the church and are now blocking remaining gaps to exclude the bats from the church interior.

The boxes are monitored via cameras linked the church's CCTV system so the footage can be shown to visitors.

We have also added additional external bat boxes on trees in the surrounding churchyard.

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