

BATS IN CHURCHES



Holcombe Old Church HOLCOMBE Somerset

The Issue

Lesser Horseshoe Bats roost in the chancel, getting into the church under the door. Covers were draped over the choir stalls and a 'bat nappy' to catch urine and droppings hung from the chancel ceiling.



What We Did

Working collaboratively with The CCT and ecologists from Country Contracts we enhanced the tower and nave roof void. Once the bats were using these areas, in 2023 the gap under the door was blocked and the bat nappy in the chancel taken down.

In May 2022 children from one of the local primary schools visited to learn about bats and churches, and what the project is doing to help.

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