

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Peter NETHERSEAL Derbyshire

The Issue

A small maternity colony of Brown Long-eared Bats roosts in the tower. They got into the church to fly around and socialise at dusk, scattering droppings and urine.



What We Did

Bat surveys in 2021 showed the bats were getting in via the clock weight hole. This was closed in 2023 as part of a planned upgrade.

The bat group has run bat nights and installed bat boxes, supplied by the project, in the churchyard. The church takes part in NBMP.

Children from the local primary school have visited the church a number of times to learn about bats and churches.

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