

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Mary PEMBRIDGE Herefordshire



The Issue

For many years St Mary's has sheltered a maternity colony of Natterer's Bats. Droppings accumulate under the roost sites at the west end with droppings and urine staining scattered throughout the church.

What We Did

Surveys took place in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Roosting areas were closed off at the west end of the church and alternative roosts were created elsewhere. This work has been partially successful in reducing mess at the west end but there are still bats roosting in other areas.

The church has held several bat events and, in February 2020, the local school took part in our bats in churches workshop.

The project has provided bespoke interpretation and funding for cleaning support.



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