

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Lawrence RADSTONE Northamptonshire

The Issue

St Lawrence is home to a large maternity colony of around 200 Natterer's Bats. The mess became so extensive that the church could not keep up with the cleaning and, in 2016, had to close.



What We Did

We installed a new ceiling in the chancel. The tower was also enhanced to create further roosting areas. The church re-opened in 2021.

In September 2022 the church held its first ever bat walk led by the local bat group, and was filmed for BBC2 Songs Of Praise.

The local primary school has visited several times to learn about bats and churches, and what the project is doing to help.

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