

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Margaret SAXLINGHAM Norfolk



The Issue

The largest colony of Natterer's Bats in Norfolk, causing a huge amount of mess in a relatively small church. The church was struggling to open for events and services, and this was the only church in Norfolk where our ecologist couldn't spend the night due to the amount of bat urine!



What We Did

In 2020 the project, with ecologist Phil Parker, Saxlingham PCC and Spire architects built a new bat loft above the existing vestry in the north transept.

This will have a decorative screen to match the current vestry screen.

We've also added extra roosts in the tower and used a drone to identify access points in the eaves, which can be blocked off once the new roost is being used.

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