

BATS IN CHURCHES

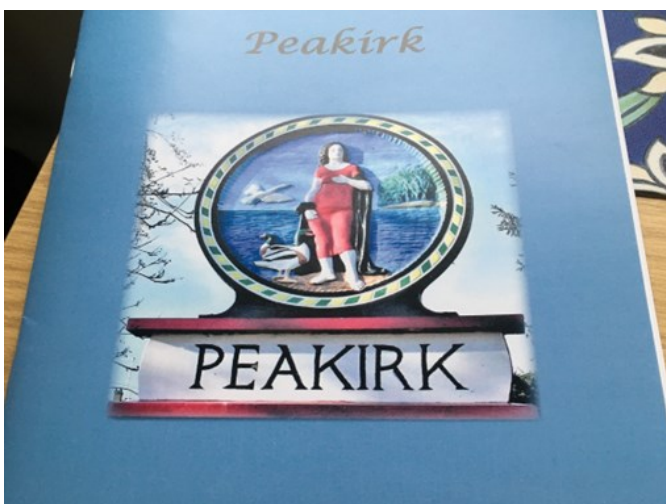


St Pega PEAKIRK Cambs



The Issue

The Grade 1 church of St Pega's has a large maternity roost of Soprano Pipistrelles over the East window in the Chancel. In 2019, the lead was stolen and the church was put on the Buildings at Risk Register.



What We Did

The project engaged an ecologist, Matt Cook, who was able to use Antony Mould's data to produce a mitigation plan. The re-roofing was perfect timing to install a bat box in the East end of the chancel, using the original entrance of the bats but preventing them accessing the church interior. Despite fears that the lead theft and new home would inconvenience the bats, subsequent monitoring has shown an increase in numbers!

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