

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Nicholas STRETTON Rutland

The Issue

A survey in 2020 found a small colony of Brown Long-eared Bats roosting in the chancel. There was concern that the presence of bats might deter people from using the church, which is also the only community space in the village.



What We Did

The colony is too small to require any mitigation works so the project funded cleaning equipment to make the task of cleaning the church easier for the volunteers.

In May 2023 the church held its first ever bat talk and walk, led by members of the local bat group. The event was well attended and attracted a lot of interest in both the church and its bats.

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