

BATS IN CHURCHES



All Saints THORNHAM Norfolk

The Issue

Thornham has a roost of around 200 Common and Soprano Pipistrelles, mostly in the south aisle and using a gap in the north clerestory window to get in and out of the church. The church has a beautiful painted rood screen as well as other medieval woodwork which were potentially being damaged by the bats



What We Did

After extensive surveys, a bespoke, heated bat box was put in place outside the church covering the gap in the clerestory window.

Bats taking their usual route into the church will now have to fly through the box and once they have become used to it, the exit into the church will be closed off, containing the bats in the new box.

We have also added a new rafter box over the south aisle roost with access from the outside.

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