

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St Margaret of Antioch WELLINGTON Herefordshire



### The Issue

Droppings and urine from the maternity colony of Natterer's Bats add significantly to the cleaning burden. Covers are needed throughout the summer to protect the pews and other items.



### What We Did

Following surveys in 2019 the ecologist, working with the church architect, closed off the roosts in the west end and created new roosting areas in the north aisle. The project provided cleaning support while the works were undertaken.

Although there are still some bats inside the church, the amount of droppings has fallen by 75%.

Children from the local school have visited several times to learn about bats and churches.

The church hosted a wildlife day in May 2023 which attracted more than 100 people.

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