

BATS IN CHURCHES



St Mary the Virgin WIGGENHALL Norfolk

The Issue

Wiggenhall has a roost of around 85 Soprano Pipistrelles. The church, owned by the Churches Conservation Trust, has a hugely important interior including a rood screen and a set of carved pew ends of saints that were at serious risk of damage from bat droppings and urine. As the church no longer has a congregation or PCC it is hard to keep up with the cleaning.



What We Did

We have commissioned a full bat management plan with a range of options to help manage the bats in future.

We have installed an external pole mounted bat box in the churchyard alongside a number of tree mounted boxes. We have organised a community clean, bat walk and volunteer recruitment day to support the church.

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