

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St Peter WINTRINGHAM North Yorkshire

### The Issue

Bats use this CCT church all year round, as a maternity roost in the summer and for hibernation in the winter. There are at least three species present: Natterer's Bats, Pipistrelles and Brown Long-eared Bats. The Jacobean woodwork and other heritage features are extensively urine stained.



### What We Did

The church uses the bats to engage with the local community. Following a NBMP roost count in June 2022 a Friends group was set up, boosting the number of volunteers from two to 30. The church holds regular bat walks and events, and provides a permanent venue for the Bats in Churches multimedia art installation *On A Wing And A Prayer*.

In October 2022 children from a local school took part in our bats in churches programme and the church hosted a cleaning workshop.

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