


Surveying a church for bats

PRIOR TO YOUR VISIT		
<i>Name, address of church, including post code</i>		
BCT ref no.	OS Grid ref.	
Contact details		
On site (churchwarden?)		
Others involved (Architect, contractor?)		
Check when booking visit on phone		
What work is planned? When?		
Details of any bats known to be present. Previous survey?		
Arrange for access to all areas 		
Arrange date before cleaning if possible		
Where to park car		
To whom BCT letter should be sent		
Surveying the church		
Surveyors name & contact dtails		
Equipment	clipboard, pencil <input type="checkbox"/> powerful torch <input type="checkbox"/> binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> camera <input type="checkbox"/> compass <input type="checkbox"/>	
Make a plan of the church	(there may be a church booklet to copy this from – give a donation)	
Ask permission to take photographs as appropriate.		
Outside	Walk all round to familiarise yourself. Note:	
	Wall construction	
	Roof covering	
	Check church porch for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • droppings • scratches over door • stains 	
Inside	Systematically work round to check for droppings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walls • floors • pews 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • window sills • top of cupboards Collect samples, mark position on plan	
		Check church furniture for droppings/urine stains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • altar • memorials • brasses 	
		Check behind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • radiators, • hangings • pictures 	
		Check walls for droppings, urine streaks,	
		Use torch & binoculars to scan bats or evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ceiling • joints in timbers • crevices 	
	Tower	Check for droppings: on the steps underneath steps of spiral staircase in the tower/belfry	
		Note possible access	
		From roof note surrounding habitat	
	Summary of findings		
Complete roost report form <i>Retain copy of this form for future reference</i>			