

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## BATS IN CHURCHES STUDY VOLUNTEER DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Daytime Telephone:

Email:

SURVEY DATE:

## CHURCH DETAILS

Church Name:

Church Address:

Postcode:

Church Code (office use only)

QUESTIONNAIRE START/END TIME:

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## FOR CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO READ

Thank you for allowing a Bats in Churches Study volunteer to survey your church and for taking the time go through this questionnaire with them. Before we start the questionnaire we'd like to provide you with the details as to how the data is being stored.

The Bats in Churches Project partners are collecting these records in order to administer and run our two Bats in Churches Study volunteer surveys. Your name will be included alongside the survey information to form the 'biological record'. We may contact the church, using publicly available church contact details to clarify the records provided and to send you the survey results for your church. We do not require any personal data, but if you'd like to personally receive information about this survey there is space to include your own contact details at the end. To learn more about your rights, contact the team at [churches@bats.org.uk](mailto:churches@bats.org.uk) or call 020 7820 7173 to request a copy of the full privacy policy.

Please be aware that the project volunteer is not there to offer opinions or advice to you regarding any issues you may be having as a result of the presence of bats. However they can provide you with contact details for someone who can offer help and advice.

Church information

[batsinchurches.bats.org.uk](http://batsinchurches.bats.org.uk)



**SECTION 1- Church Construction**

What materials are used in the construction of the church (leave blank if any do not apply)

	Nave	Chancel	North Aisle	South Aisle	North Transept	South Transept	North Porch	South Porch	Vestry	Tower
<b>WALL CONSTRUCTION</b>										
Stone, dimension cut										
Stone, random cut (e.g. flint)										
Brick										
Block										
Timber										
Other/Don't Know										
<b>ROOF COVERING</b>										
Lead										
Copper										
Slate										
Pantiles										
Plain (peg) Tiles										
Corrugated Metal										
Corrugated Fibre-cement										
Stone										
Steel										
Tearne Coated Steel										
Other/Don't Know										
<b>ROOF LINING</b>										
Nothing										
Boards										
Bitumen Felt										
Membrane										
Other/Don't Know										
<b>ROOF INSULATION</b>										
None										
Roof Felt										
Fibreglass										
Other/Don't Know										
<b>VOID</b>										
Wall void										
Roof/ceiling void										

## SECTION 2- Church Information

### Question 1

What is the name of the church contact you're talking to? (If you're talking to multiple people please give the name of the lead contact)

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### Question 2

What's the role of the church contact you're talking to (e.g. Church Warden, PCC Chair, Vicar)?

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### Question 3

Which of these best describes the area around the church?

- Urban
  Suburban
  Rural

### Question 4

How often is the church used for services and other events (including weddings, funerals, Sunday schools and community events)?

- Daily
  2-3 times a week
  Weekly
  Monthly
  Yearly

### Question 5

What is the typical attendance at the main church service?

- 0
  1-25
  26-50
  51-100
  101-200
  200+

## SECTION 3- Churchyard

### Question 6

Do the grounds of the church include a churchyard or graveyard?

- Yes
  No (go to section 4)

### Question 7

If there is a churchyard, how is the grass managed (tick one option)?

- Short mown grass
  Mix of short grass and unmown areas
  Largely unmown
  There is no grass

### Question 8

Which of the following are true of the hedgerows within or bordering the churchyard (tick all that apply)

- Mature trees in hedge
  Deciduous plants
  Evergreen plants
  Ditch next to hedge
  No hedge

### Question 9

Are there mature trees in or bordering the churchyard?

- Yes
  No

Name of project \_\_\_\_\_

### Question 10

Has the church ever been part of a conservation programme such as Caring for God's Acre, or the Church Conservation Scheme?

- Yes  No

## SECTION 4- External Lighting

### Question 11

How many external lights does the church have?

- 0  1-2  3-4  5-6  7-8  9+

### Question 12

Which side(s) of the church are illuminated by external lights?

- North  South  East  West

### Question 13

How often are the external lights switched on?

- Nightly  Twice a week or more  Once a week  
 Few times a month  Less than once a month  Don't know

### Question 14

When in use, between which hours are the floodlights or external lights on?

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 5- Bat Presence

### Question 15

Are you aware of bats roosting in your church?

- Never been aware of a bat roost (**go to Section 10**)  Yes, bats definitely roost here  Bats used to roost here but don't anymore (**go to Section 8**)

### Question 16

How long have you been aware of bats roosting in your church?

- Less than a year  Less than 2 years  Less than 5 years  
 5+ years  Don't know

### Question 17

If you answered more than 5 years, please let us know the number of years.

\_\_\_\_\_ years

**Question 18**

To the best of your knowledge, which species of bat roost (or used to roost) in your church?

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Common pipistrelle    | <input type="radio"/> Soprano pipistrelle    | <input type="radio"/> Natterer's bat                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Daubenton's bat       | <input type="radio"/> Brown long-eared bat   | <input type="radio"/> Lesser horseshoe bat            |
| <input type="radio"/> Greater horseshoe bat | <input type="radio"/> Serotine               | <input type="radio"/> Whiskered/Brandt's/Alcathoe bat |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't know            | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) |   |

**Question 19**

Who identified the bat species present?

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Ecological consultant | <input type="radio"/> Local bat or wildlife group | <input type="radio"/> Church representative |
| <input type="radio"/> Other                 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know                  |   |

## SECTION 6- Bat Experience

**Question 20**

Have you experienced any of the following with bats in your church (tick all that apply)?

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bats flying in the interior | <input type="checkbox"/> Droppings          | <input type="checkbox"/> Urine                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smell                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Audible chattering | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest from the community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear from the community     | <input type="checkbox"/> Health concerns    | <input type="checkbox"/> None                        |

**Question 21**

Do you regularly see bat droppings in the following areas (tick all that apply)?

- |   |   |   |                                      |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nave           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chancel        | <input type="checkbox"/> North Aisle            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Aisle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tower          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vestry         | <input type="checkbox"/> North Porch            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Porch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Transept | <input type="checkbox"/> South Transept | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |                                      |

**Question 22**

Do you regularly see bat urine marks in the following areas (tick all that apply)?

- |   |   |   |                                      |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nave           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chancel        | <input type="checkbox"/> North Aisle            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Aisle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tower          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vestry         | <input type="checkbox"/> North Porch            | <input type="checkbox"/> South Porch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Transept | <input type="checkbox"/> South Transept | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |                                      |

## SECTION 7- Current Management

**Question 23**

Does cleaning need to be done more frequently specifically to remove bat droppings?

- |                           |                          |                                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|

**Question 24**

Do you have volunteer cleaners and if so, where do these cleaners come from (tick all that apply)?

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|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Local community | <input type="radio"/> Congregation             | <input type="radio"/> Friends group |
| <input type="radio"/> Local bat group | <input type="radio"/> We don't have volunteers | <input type="radio"/> Other         |

**Question 25**

Are there high-level areas that need cleaning due to bats, but are difficult or expensive to access?

- |                           |                          |                                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |
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**Question 26**

Do you currently or have you used protection for church fabric and contents such as deflection boards or temporary sheeting?

- Yes  No  Don't know

**Question 27**

As far as you know, how successful has the localised protection been, with 1 being not successful at all and 5 being very successful?

- 1  2  3  4  5  Don't know/ NA

**Question 28**

From your observations, do bats cause damage to any of the following in your church (rate between 1-5, 1 being not at all, 5 being severely affected)?

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Flooring                 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Monuments                | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Fixtures & Fittings      | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Wall Paintings           | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Main altar or holy table | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Servery or tea point     | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |

**Question 29**

If there are items damaged by bats, are they of high historical significance?

- Yes  No  Don't know

**Question 30**

Does your church hold any of the following events, and from your observations, do bats disrupt or stop the church from being used for such events (rate between 1-5, 1 being not at all, 5 being severely affected)?

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Worship                | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Sunday school          | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Weddings               | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Funerals               | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Community Events       | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 | <input type="radio"/> Don't know/NA |

## SECTION 8- Previous Work

**Question 31**

Has the presence of bats ever caused delays to maintenance or repair programmes in the church?

- Yes  No  Don't know

**Question 32**

If bats have caused delays or restrictions to works, has this affected any grant applications?

- Yes  No  Don't know

**Question 33**

To the best of your knowledge, has your church ever been issued with a bat licence?

- Yes  No  Don't know

## SECTION 9- Bat Mitigation

**Question 34**

Does the church have any specially made bat roosting areas from previous mitigation work (tick all that apply)?

- Don't know  None  Bat boxes  Bat slates  
 Bat bricks  Boxed in areas  Others

**Question 35**

Were there any conflicts between bat mitigation and listed building consent?

- Yes  No  Don't know

**Question 36**

Approximately how much was spent on bat mitigation?

- Less than £1000  £1000-£5000  £5000-£10,000  More than £10,000

## SECTION 10- Opinions

**Question 37**

What do you understand to be the general view of your church community towards the presence of bats in church?

- Very positive  Positive  Neutral  Negative  Very negative

**Question 38**

Which of these best represents your view about the presence of bats?

- Very positive  Positive  Neutral  Negative  Very negative

**Question 39**

Please provide any further details about these views.

**Question 40**

Are you aware that bats are protected by law?

- Yes  No

**Question 41**

Have you undertaken any self-learning or training in bat ecology?

- Yes  No

**Question 42**

Are you aware that there is a National Bat Helpline (0345 1300 228) which is run by the Bat Conservation Trust? You can call them with questions regarding proposed work to the church and the presence of bats.

Yes

No

**SECTION 11- Further Comments**

**Question 43**

Please add any further comments from the church representatives about the study, or the topic of bats in churches. \*\*If they are happy to be contacted about this survey please also include their email/postal address here\*\*.

Time taken to complete the questionnaire (minutes):

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire!**

(Bats in Churches Study volunteers can enter the answers online by logging into [batsinchurches.bats.org.uk](https://batsinchurches.bats.org.uk) and going to the [My Churches](#) tab).