

Bat Conservation Trust



The UK Bat Care Network's data handling policy

From the time that you submit your registration, and for the rest of your time on the Network, we will handle your data in the following ways under Legitimate Interest Article 6(1)(f) of the General Data Protection Regulation, for the safe and efficient running of the UK Bat Care Network:

1. Once you're active as a Network volunteer, the National Bat Helpline will give your name and preferred contact number to people who've found bats within your chosen radius, unless you've informed us that you are unavailable.
2. If a bat that you collect or take into care has bitten someone, or if there is some other risk of rabies exposure, then either the Bat Conservation Trust or the bat finder may pass your contact details on to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), and APHA may then contact you. At their discretion, APHA may also pass details of possible rabies exposure cases, including your contact details, on to your local public health agency.
3. The Bat Care Co-Ordinator will notify you by e-mail if there are important developments on the Network or changes to BCT's policy.
4. The Bat Conservation Trust will hold your registration details, your reference from a fellow Network member, and the proof of your current rabies vaccination on file for as long as you remain on the Network.
 - a. If you resign or are removed from the Network, your details will be held for an additional year in case any outstanding matters arise that you were involved in, and then deleted.
 - b. If you resign as an active carer but still wish to provide references for others, a note will be kept of your name, contact details and previous role on the Network; we will delete these if you tell us you no longer wish to give references.
 - c. In the unlikely event that you are removed from the Network because of concerns about your conduct, a permanent note will be kept of your name, bat group area and why you were removed.
5. Records of bat care calls where your details were given will be kept on BCT's computer system for seven years.

For further information, please see BCT's privacy notice at <https://www.bats.org.uk/legal/privacy-policy>.