



OUT OF HOURS 2020

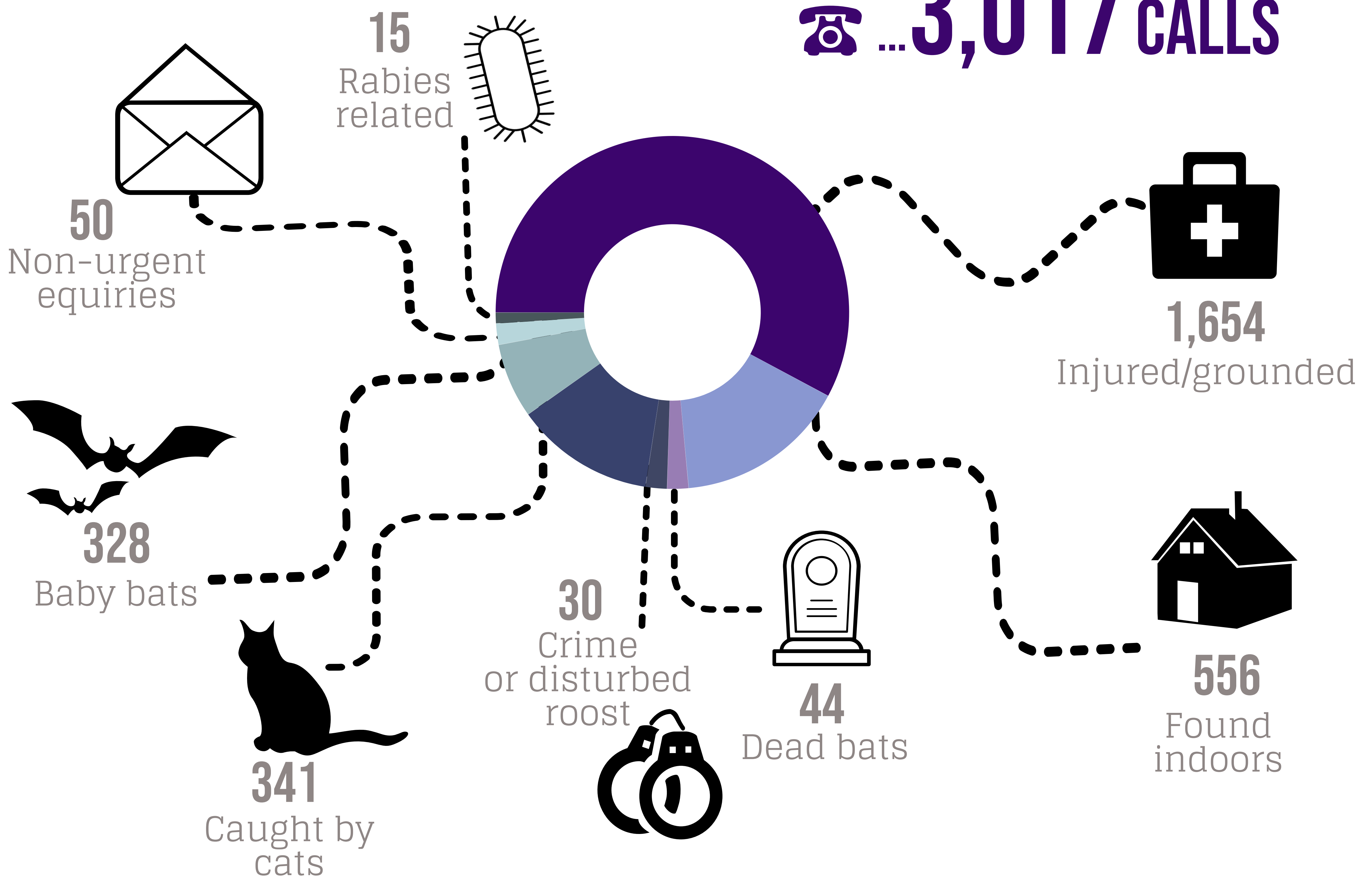
YOUR IMPACT

Throughout the summer you have taken thousands of emergency bat calls, here are some of the highlights!

THE STATS

TOGETHER YOU HANDLED...

...**3,017** CALLS



THE STORIES

YOU ADVISED ON CALLS INCLUDING...



...a bat found by a 92 year old which had been brought into custody at the police station, after the police had checked her house for signs of a roost!

...a bat flying in a newsagent that took refuge behind a bottle of Bacardi with picture of bat on it!



and even a call about a goose

... a bat found in boat sail in the middle of a lake!



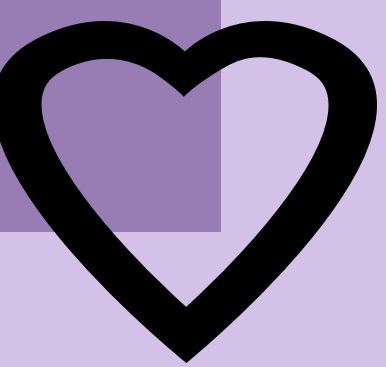
... a large number of bats entering living areas, caused by a maternity roost that had been sealed in accidentally during building works!



FROM YOUR COORDINATORS...



A BIG THANK YOU!



We want to say a huge thank you to you all for the huge contribution you've each made to bat conservation this summer. It has been a record year for many reasons. There were lots of changes and amendments made throughout the season, from the initial training to the changes in advice for the public, but you all handled it brilliantly and with aplomb! We are blown away by your commitment and enthusiasm throughout the five months, giving up so much of your spare time for conservation.

You guys are national treasures! It has been a real pleasure to work with you all, and hopefully we can do it all again next year. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

FROM YOUR BCT BACK UP STAFF...



"I want to say a huge thank you to all of the wonderful OOH volunteers this year. We really have been so lucky to have such kind, dedicated and hard working volunteers. I have really enjoyed working with you as one of your BUS and hope you have enjoyed this season, even with the additional challenges we faced. "

"On the Helpline, it's fantastic to be able to reassure callers that the Helpline is there for them during evenings and weekends. That reassurance and confidence is only possible because of the amazing work of the OOH volunteers, sacrificing their spare time and offering their brilliant support to people needing help with the bats they encounter...

"All the volunteers are very conscientious and it was fantastic working with such a dedicated team. I felt that we made a positive impact on bat conservation this summer!"

"The OOH volunteers this year have been wonderful! A pleasure to work with and talk to, not to mention brilliant at asking important questions and double checking advice when unsure. It's been an unusual year but they have done fantastically!"

"The OOH volunteers were fantastic! Incredibly dedicated and super important for our UK bats!"

...Their passion and commitment towards bat conservation, and the Helpline specifically, plays such a crucial role in allowing this service to succeed. So grateful to every OOH volunteer for how easy they make it to leave the Helpline in their hands during OOH. They are a great support and an inspiration!"

"Your contribution to the National Bat Helpline and bat conservation has been enormous and we couldn't do what we do without you. Thanks to you, thousands of bats have been helped and thousands of bat finders will have had a positive experience with a bat. Thank you!"

AND FROM THE PUBLIC...



"Thank you for such efficient help from your well informed website, call handlers and local carers. So glad there are people like you helping the bats. Please keep it up!"

"Superb group of devoted ppl. Thank you."

"Thank you for all your hard work, especially to all the volunteers who man the helpline and help rescue sick and injured bat's. They give such good advice and support. Keep up the good work."

"Thankyou for caring about these amazing creatures!"

"Thank you for all of your hard work and loving care! You make the world a better place for bats and people!"

WHAT NEXT?

JOIN YOUR LOCAL BAT GROUP...

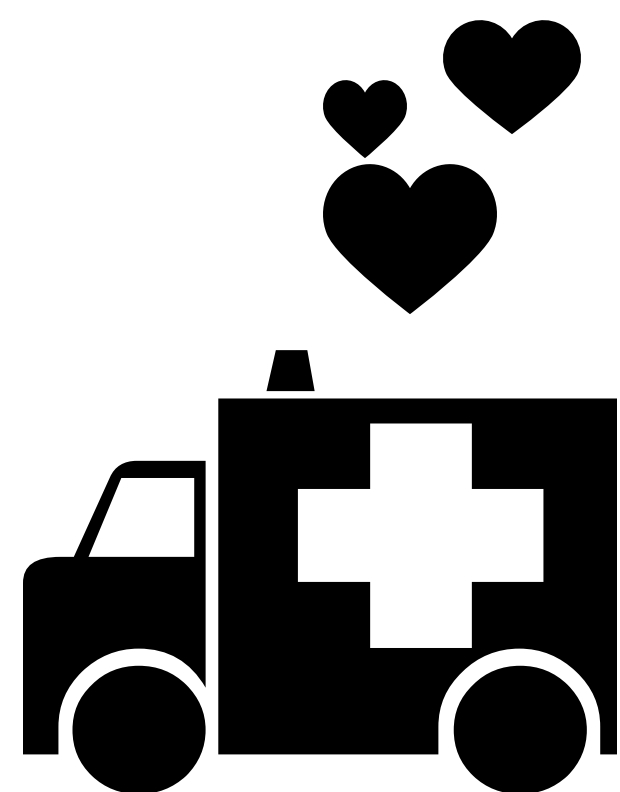
There are over 80 local bat groups across the UK and you can get involved in everything from community events to surveys. One of the best things about joining a local bat group is learning from some very inspiring bat workers.

FIND OUT MORE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.BATS.ORG.UK/SUPPORT-BATS/BAT-GROUPS](https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/bat-groups)



START YOUR JOURNEY INTO BAT CARE...

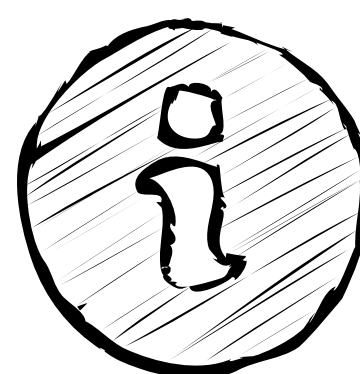
As you know, BCT maintains a list of bat carers, ambulance drivers and regional helplines throughout the UK known as the UK Bat Care Network. Thanks to the Network, these bats have the best possible chance of being rehabilitated and released back into the wild.



Bat care volunteering is done on a local basis, generally through bat groups. Carers don't volunteer directly for The Bat Conservation Trust, but by choosing to be listed on the UK Bat Care Network, they can help ensure that people who find grounded or injured bats are referred on to them.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

MORE VOLUNTEERING WITH BCT...



The National Bat Monitoring Programme (NBMP) has been running a number of volunteer-led surveys since 1996, the results of which enable us to track changes in bat populations.

The NBMP includes surveys for all levels of experience, from beginner to expert, and there are opportunities for everyone to help out and learn more about bats."

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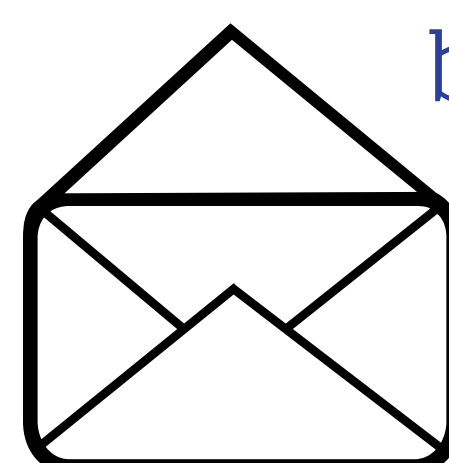
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR BCT EVENTS/TRAINING...

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BECOME A MEMBER OF BCT...

Joining the Bat Conservation Trust is the ideal way to show your support for bats. By becoming a member, you will be directly helping to protect bats and their habitats for future generations to enjoy

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AND FINALLY PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR OUT OF HOURS NEXT YEAR BY EMAILING [OUTOFHOURS@BATS.ORG.UK!](mailto:OUTOFHOURS@BATS.ORG.UK)

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