bats & people

Do you have bats?

How you can tell

- Bats are not often seen openly in the roof space. Most species hide in tiny crevices such as gaps behind wall tiles or wooden cladding, soffit and fascia boards and between roofing felt and roof tiles.

- Look for bat droppings which are small dark oval shaped and crumbly, in the loft, on window sills, on walls of the buildings, and on paths near the roost exit.

- Most roosts exist without ever being discovered, but large colonies may be heard for a short time during the summer.

If you do have bats...

- If you do and would like to find out more about them - contact your local bat group, BCT or the Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation (listed on this leaflet). Remember, you are directly contributing to the conservation of these threatened species.



bats & the law

Bats are protected

Declining numbers have made it necessary to legally protect all UK bats and their roosts, whether they are in residence or not. This protection also makes it an offence to block their entrance and exit holes.

If work is planned in a building suspected of housing bats now, or in the past, contact the relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation (listed below) for advice.

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