

My Name:

My Bat Walk

Date of walk

Where did you walk?

Start time End time.....

Who did you go with?

HOW MANY BATS DID YOU SEE ON YOUR WALK?

None ☐More than 10 ☐One ☐More than 100 ☐1-10 ☐Couldn't count ☐

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPECIES OF BAT YOU SAW?

Yes ☐

Write the name of the species if you know it

No ☐

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WRITE ABOUT OR DRAW THREE OTHER THINGS YOU SAW ON
YOUR WALKWHAT WAS THE WEATHER LIKE? THE WEATHER MAY AFFECT
HOW MANY BATS YOU SEECold ☐Clear ☐Cool ☐Cloudy ☐Warm ☐Mist/Fog ☐Hot ☐Light Rain ☐Dry ☐Heavy Rain ☐

DRAW A MAP OF YOUR WALK, OR DRAW YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE ON YOUR WALK

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Bat Spotter's Guide

There are four main signs that there are bats in your church— poo or droppings, wee or urine, feeding signs and actually seeing a bat!

WHERE TO LOOK

You can find signs of bats anywhere in a church. Bats often roost in places where the wooden roof meets the stone walls, like the chancel and tower arch. Looking under these is a good place to start.

Look for droppings in places that are out of the way or hard to clean, for example under pews, in corners or behind furniture. Make sure you do not move any items or furniture while you're looking.

Look for urine spots and splashes on flat, smooth surfaces especially stone and metal.

Remember to look up high! You will often see bat droppings on walls or caught in cobwebs.

Not everything you find will be caused by bats. Mouse droppings can look similar and water drops can look like urine as well.



☐ BAT DROPPINGS

Small, dry and dark. About 6-15mm across. You can identify droppings by squishing them in a tissue or using gloves. Bat droppings will crumble apart, mouse droppings will squash into a ball.

☐ BAT URINE

Look for splashes on clean, flat surfaces, or streaks on walls. Fresh urine may still be damp and slightly sticky. Urine will leave pale marks on stone or greenish spots on metal.



☐ FEEDING SIGNS

Some bats perch in the same spot to feed. They eat the soft parts of moths and other insects and then drop the wings. Piles of moth or insect wings are a good sign of bats.

☐ LIVE OR DEAD BAT

You may be lucky enough to actually spot a bat in your church.

You should never touch or disturb a bat, or shine a torch into a bat roost.

If the bat looks sick or injured, or is on the ground and in danger, you should call the **National Bat Helpline** on **0345 1300 228**

