

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St Mary BRUERA Cheshire



### The Issue

St Mary's has a very long-established colony of Brown Long-eared Bats. The altar, choir stalls, pulpit and organ need to be protected by covers in the summer. The extra cleaning required is a burden on the small team of volunteers.



### What We Did

Surveys carried out in summer 2021 revealed that bat numbers inside the church had fallen compared to previous years.

We funded bat boxes for the churchyard and these were installed by the local bat group.

In May 2023 children from a local primary school visited the church to learn about bats in churches and the work of the project.

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