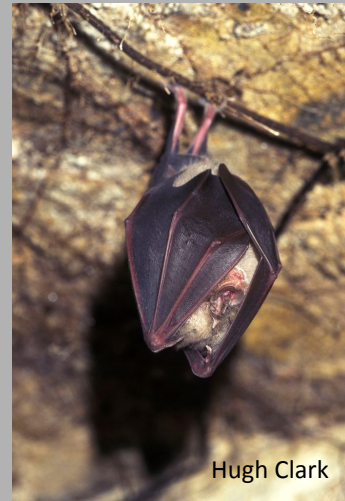


BAT FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AWARD

Endangered - We need your help!

Greater horseshoe bats (GHBs) have declined by over 90% in recent decades; recent work has stabilised this decline but we need your help to secure their long-term survival as a crucial part of Devon's landscape, one of the few areas in northern Europe where they are now found in any number.



Learn & celebrate

The Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project is a partnership project of 19 organisations led by Devon Wildlife Trust. It is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as other funders.

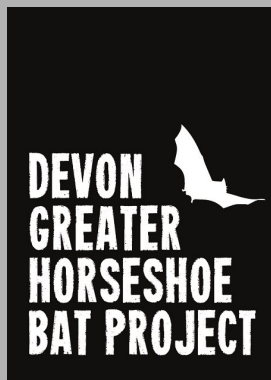
We want people to learn about, celebrate and help to care for these enigmatic bats and the landscape they live in. Communities can play a vital role in raising awareness and knowledge of these bats; helping to secure their future.

Good for bats, good for people

Our bat-inspired activities will improve green spaces in and around towns and villages; enhancing them not only for wildlife but for people as well.

By completing activities, a community will be able to work towards becoming a 'bat-friendly' place to live and work.





Where is this happening?

Our project areas are the maternity roosts of GHB found in the Avon Valley/Harbertonford, Berry Head/Dartmouth, Bovey Tracey, Branscombe/Southleigh, Branton, Buckfastleigh, Chudleigh and Gunnislake.

We can offer support, advice and visits to help you achieve your award, for example;

- ◇ Give a talk
- ◇ Help develop a conservation plan for your town/village
- ◇ Provide resources and information
- ◇ Links with experts
- ◇ Opportunities to visit local farms/ go on a bat walk

Don't worry if you aren't in a project area, we can still provide you with resources, ideas and advice to get your community involved.

How does the award work?

By carrying out an agreed range of activities, you will be able to work towards becoming accreditation as a 'bat-friendly' place to live and work

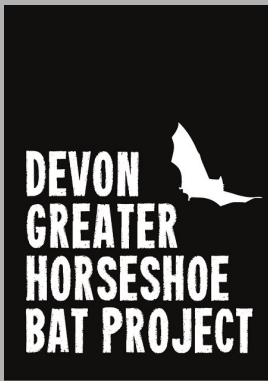
Recording your progress

Keep a record of all your activities (dates/times/what you did/who was involved); photos are a good way of doing this, as well as creating a Bat Book or a video all about your achievements.



Resources

We will supply links to many amazing resources and useful websites, to help you plan your project.



How can you help?

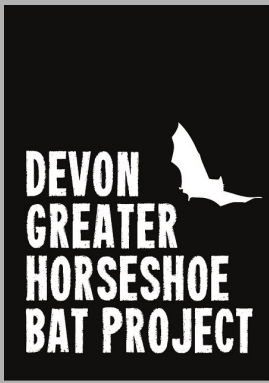
- ◇ Encourage bat friendly gardening
- ◇ Identify green spaces which could be improved
- ◇ Tree or hedge planting/management
- ◇ Road verge management
- ◇ Create wildflower areas
- ◇ Grow plug plants for planting out
- ◇ Do an insect survey
- ◇ Build a moth trap and do a moth count
- ◇ Do a bat survey
- ◇ Reduce lighting in streets and homes
- ◇ Organise a bat walk at night



- ◇ Take part in the project's annual 'Bat Festival'
- ◇ Make a film about your project
- ◇ Publicise your project
- ◇ Create a display/record of activities
- ◇ Spread the word to a neighbouring community
- ◇ Hold a celebration event to show what you have achieved

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