

Swindon BAP Bats Action Plan - Covers All Bat Species Found in Swindon Borough

Objective BATO1: Protect and enhance bat populations in Swindon Borough.

Target	Target Measure	Action	Action Measure	Partners	Action Deadline	Links to Other Plans	Comments		
BATT1: Produce and disseminate a map/document detailing exiting knowledge of bats in Swindon Borough.	Map/document produced. Swindon BAP Coordinator Mar 2010.	BATA1: Collate and disseminate current information on bats in Swindon Borough, from: NE, local roost visitors, ecological consultants, Wilts Bat Group, CWP Bat Project and others with a knowledge of bats in Swindon.	Report and maps produced.	Swindon BAP Coordinator, WSBRC	Mar-10		This is a possible volunteer project.		
			Bats seminar held.	Swindon BAP Coordinator, WSBRC	Jan-11		This is a possible volunteer project.		
BATT2: To have a Swindon Bat Project.	A Swindon Bat Project is in place by 2011. SBC Rangers/WWT.	BATA2: Using the information within BATA1 pull together a bat project based in Swindon Borough.	The BAP steering group agree the scope of the Swindon Bat Project.	SBC Rangers/WWT	2011				
			Funding and resources are secured for the Swindon Bat Project.	SBC Rangers/WWT	2011				
BATT3: There are formal and informal opportunities for people across Swindon Borough to study and learn more about bats.	The Swindon Bat project provides a number of opportunities for people to learn about bats. SBD Rangers/WWT 2011.	BATA4: Provide informal walks and talks that members of the public can join to learn more about bats.	At least 4 events each year.	SBC Rangers/WWT	Annual				
			BATA5: Ensure that the Swindon Bat Project is accessible.	In the first year the Swindon Bat Project attracts at least ten active participants.	SBC Rangers/WWT	2011			
				BATA6: Signpost opportunities for further training and development including if appropriate, to the level of 'Bat Worker'.	Measure 1: A training event is organised by the Swindon Bat Project every year.	SBC Rangers/WWT	Annual /2012		
					Measure 2: Training is signposted so that at least one participant has a bat licence by 2012.				
					BATA7: Deliver a seminar aimed at key officers and members of SBC.	15 people attend the seminar.	BCT/Swindon BAP Coordinator	2011	
BATA8: Raise awareness amongst churchwardens, of bats .	Measure 1: All churchwardens to be given a copy of the BCT guidelines on bats in churches.	BCT/Swindon BAP Coordinator	2011			This is a possible volunteer project.			
	Measure 2: Hold a seminar for church wardens about bats.								

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BATT4: All large-scale developments incorporate habitat creation and management to generate a net gain for bats.	Developments detail the width, length and height of green corridors created and managed; the number of roost opportunities created; etc. Developers, ongoing.	BATA9: Ensure landscaping schemes create, improve and link foraging areas, commuting routes and known/newly created roosts; and that built developments include the creation of bat lofts, hibernacula, bat tiles/bricks, and flyways & foraging areas using bat-friendly native plant species.	All large scale developments provide details of bat-friendly measures.	Developers and consultants	Ongoing		
		BATA10: Ensure that where bats are likely to be present and affected by development, planning applications are submitted with adequate baseline information, assessment of potential impacts and mitigation measures, to provide a net gain in biodiversity.	All large scale developments provide details of bat-friendly measures.	Developers and consultants	Ongoing		
		BATA11: All structures where bats are present or likely to be present (including bridges), are assessed for bat usage, prior to maintenance or repairs that may adversely affect bats, and records sent to eh WSBRC.	Measure 1: Percentage of structures assessed prior to maintenance or repairs. Measure 2: Records of structures assessed and being used by bats are passed to the WSBRC.	SBC Civil Engineers, WSBRC	Annually		
		BATA12: All trees where bats are present or likely to be present are assessed for bat usage, prior to arboricultural operations being carried out and records sent to the WSBRC.	Measure 1: Percentage of trees assessed prior to arboricultural operations being carried out. Measure 2: Records of trees assessed and being used by bats are passed to the WSBRC.	SBC Arboriculture Officers, WSBRC	Annually		
		BATA13: Create roosts in new/repared structures.	2 roosts per year.	SBC Civil Engineers.	Annually		
		BATA14: Create bat lofts and /or hibernacula in new /renovated buildings.	1 loft and /or hibernacula created per 10 buildings.	LA/Developers	Annually		
		BATA15: Incorporate bat bricks/tiles into new/renovated buildings and structures.	2 bat bricks/tiles to be installed per building/structure.	LA/Developers	Annually		
		BATA16: Management of riparian habitat by the Environment Agency (EA) and SBC is undertaken in accordance with the Management Guidelines for Daubenton's Bat (EA Habitat and Species Handbook).	Length of river (km) managed in accordance with the Management Guidelines for Daubenton's Bat.	EA and SBC	Annually		

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BATT5: Develop a strategy for bats in Swindon Borough linked to the Green Infrastructure strategy and other emerging plans and policies.	A strategy with clear links to other strategies and policies is published by 2011.	BATA17: Identify key partners and stakeholders.	Partners identified.	Bats SAP Working Group.	2010		
		BATA18: Identify key areas from the information gathered in BATA1 .	Key areas identified.	Bats SAP Working Group.	2010		
		BATA19: Identify desired outcomes.	Desired outcomes identified.	Bats SAP Working Group.	2010		
		BATA20: Identify target species.	Target species identified.	Bats SAP Working Group.	2010		
		BATA21: Produce strategy and publish on the website	Strategy published.	Bats SAP Working Group.	2011		