

Devon Bat Survey

Information for Host Centres

Overview

The Devon Bat survey is a 5 year seasonal survey which is run by the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project. The aim of the survey is to gather as much information about bats in Devon as possible while engaging with the general public.

How the Devon Bat Survey Works

Booking out the detector

The bat detector kit is hired out for time slots of 4 days and 3 nights. E.g. picked up on a Monday and returned on a Thursday. The kit will be available for hire again the following day (e.g. Friday after the detector is returned on a Thursday). Devon Wildlife Trust manages the bookings on-line through the www.devonbatproject.org website.

Making sure it runs smoothly

The main role of the host centre is to provide a location where people can pick up and drop off the detector kits. There are however a couple of other tasks we request you to do in order to make sure the survey runs smoothly:

- Make sure that the detector kit box is signed in and out by the person hiring it (see form 'Signing in and out').
- Look through the kit box when it is returned to make sure that all the equipment has been returned (and the batteries have been placed back into the battery charger unit), see photo overleaf for kit list.
- Make sure that at least one SD card, one pre-paid envelope and 3 recording forms are included in the detector kit box when it is hired out.

The pre-paid envelopes, small box for spare SD cards, recording forms and signing in and out form are all kept in the 'Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project' canvas bag.



Replacing SD cards in the detector kit box

Data collected from the bat detector is recorded on to an 'SD card'. These cards are posted back to Devon Wildlife Trust (in the pre-paid envelopes provided) by the person who has hired out the kit box. The Wildlife Trust will then remove the data from the card and post it back to you ready for the SD card to be placed back into the detector kit box by another person hiring out the kit.



This means:

- Replace SD cards sent back to the centre into the small plastic box in the detector kit box as and when they arrive.
- If an SD card arrives back at the centre whilst the kit box is on loan, then keep it in the plastic box labelled 'Spare SD cards' in the canvas bag until the kit returns.

If there are any problems or questions then please contact:

Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project:

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Detector Kit Box contents:

