To Whom It May Concern

The holder of this letter is taking part in the Devon Bat Survey as part of the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project. This is a 5 year partnership project of 19 organisations led by Devon Wildlife Trust and is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as other funders.

Between 1st April and 31st October 2017 volunteers are able to borrow bat detectors to enable bats to be recorded, helping to build up a picture of how they use the landscape. Whilst our project is primarily interested in greater horseshoe bats, we will be collating information on all bat species. This information may then be used to target where we provide land management advice as part of our project.

This survey requires the volunteer to choose a 1km grid square to survey, which in this case your land lies within. They will then set up a detector in a suitable location and this is left outside to automatically trigger and record bats through the night. Detectors are normally put out in the evening and picked up the three days later, providing three nights of recordings.

Any help you can give the bearer of this letter in allowing access to privately owned land would be very much appreciated. If you do grant permission, please could you complete the form that the volunteer will provide to you.

Please do not hesitate to telephone or email if you would like more information on the survey, or visit the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project website for more information.

Any landowner information that is gathered for the purposes of this survey will be kept confidential and not used for any other purposes.

If you have any queries or would like further information about this project please contact me at Devon Wildlife Trust on 01392 260856.

Kind regards

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