



Community Case Study - Bat Friendly Beer

What is Bat Friendly Beer?

The Bat Friendly Beer initiative is an ad hoc group who first met on 17 May 2017. The group came about to promote Beer as Bat Friendly and to encourage collaborative working to deliver a number of benefits for bats, other wildlife, organisations and people in Beer. The Bat Friendly Beer Working Group (BFBWG) at least 3 times per year.

The Bat Friendly Beer Working Group aims to:

- Work together with other organisations together to promote the village of Beer as bat friendly and achieve DGHBP Bat Friendly Accreditation.
- Deliver education, community engagement and practical tasks within Beer and surrounding area.
- Apply for funding grants such as Batworks to maximise opportunities for this aspiring bat friendly community .

Who is involved?

The BFBWG includes members on the basis of relevance and direct expertise supportive of the working group's functions. Other individuals or organisations are welcomed. The role of chairperson and note-taker rotates at each meeting. A facilitator (Kate Ponting- Clinton Devon Estates) schedules the meetings and circulate any documents and information.

The following organisations are part of the initiative:

- Beer Parish Council
- Beer Horticultural Society
- Beer Quarry Caves
- Beer Scouts
- Beer Primary School
- Beer Village Heritage
- Beer Youth Hostel
- Clinton Devon Estates
- Devon Bat Conservation and Research Group
- Devon Bat Group
- Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project
- East Devon AONB
- East Devon Countryside
- Jurassic Coast Trust
- Pecorama
- Puffins Pre-School



What sort of activities have taken place?

Walks around Beer Quarry Caves – annual walks are always popular, particularly when combined with a cave tour



Hibernation Hike March 2015

Logo competition – the joint winning entries of the logo competition were combined to create a BFB logo



A prototype car/motorbike sticker



Community events – local events such as Beer Quarry Caves bat day



The bat stand and visitors to Beer Quarry Caves Bat Day

Practical events – encouraging people to get hands-on and improve their environment



Creating a wildflower meadow in 2016

Bat Buddy Award for Schools

Branscombe and Beer Primary have been working towards their Bat Buddy Awards



Branscombe preschool bat morning 2015