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Ecological Consultants.**



**BANK END PRIMARY SCHOOL, CARETAKER'S
HOUSE, WORSBROUGH.**

BAT SURVEY RESULTS.

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1. Introduction.

1.1. Brindle & Green were initially commissioned to carry out a Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment in April 2025. From their report they highlighted potential features for roosting bats and assessed the habitat suitability for foraging and commuting bats. They noted the building on site to have various potential roost features, with the building being assessed as moderate potential. Whitcher Wildlife Ltd were therefore commissioned to carry out the two required dusk emergence surveys.

1.2. These surveys were carried out on 31st July 2025 and 21st August 2025 and were led by Mitch Greenhalgh who holds a Natural England survey licence for bats (2015-10823-CLS-CLS). The results of these surveys are included within this report along with further precautionary recommendations.

2. Survey methodology

2.1. The dusk emergence surveys were conducted in accordance with Collins, J. (ed.) (2023) *Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines (4th edition)*. They were conducted by a sufficient number of surveyors to cover all areas of roosting potential, in suitable weather conditions from fifteen minutes before sunset to at least an hour and half after.

2.2. All surveyors were equipped with Batbox Duet bat detectors, or similar. The use of static recording devices such as Anabat Rangers and video cameras with infrared lights were also utilised where appropriate.

2.3. The survey was led by an ecologist who holds a level 2 Natural England survey licence, Mitch Greenhalgh (2015-10823-CLS-CLS). He was accompanied on both surveys by an experienced assistant.

3. Dusk emergence survey results.

3.1. 31st July 2025.

3.1.1. The building on site was assessed as having moderate potential for roosting bats. Therefore, a total of two dusk emergence surveys were carried out for this site. The results of the first survey are detailed below.

3.1.2. The survey was led by Mitch Greenhalgh, who holds a level 2 Natural England bat survey licence (2015-10823-CLS-CLS) along with one other surveyor, who is an experienced assistant.

3.1.3. The surveyors were equipped with Batbox Duet detectors and two-way radios. Two static Anabat Express recorders were deployed alongside the surveyors to record bat activity for subsequent computer analysis using Analook Software.

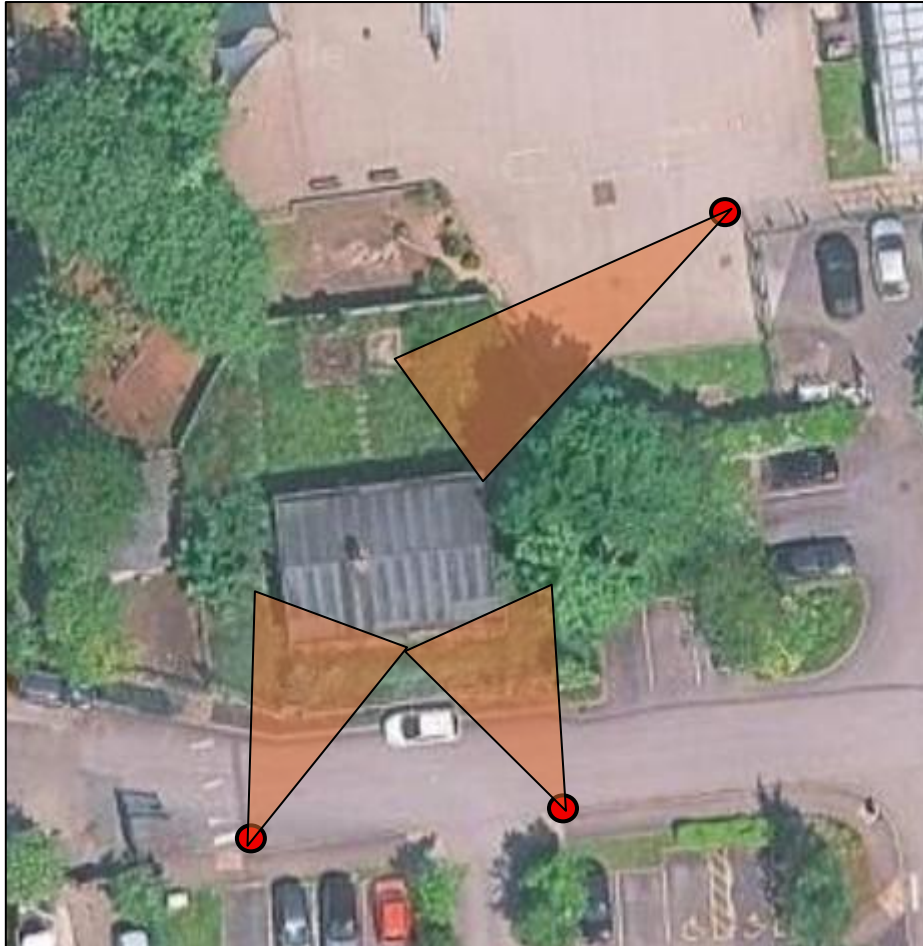
3.1.4. Three infrared cameras and infrared torches were also set up around the building ensuring that all features were covered. Shown below are timestamped photographs which show the view of each camera at both the start and end of the survey.



3.1.5. The aerial photograph below shows where the Surveyors (S) and Anabats (AB) were located throughout the survey.



3.1.6. The aerial photograph below shows where the cameras were positioned along with their approximate field of view.



3.1.7. The survey was carried out on 31st July 2025. The evening was mild with passing clouds and an ambient temperature of 20°C at the start of the survey. Sunset was at 21:03 and therefore, the survey commenced at 20:48 and ceased at 22:33.

3.1.8. Bat activity recorded during the survey was significantly low, with the surveyors recording no activity on site other than one very faint common pipistrelle pass to the south.

3.1.9. Subsequent analysis of the infrared cameras confirmed that no bats emerged from the building during the survey.

3.1.10. Subsequent analysis of the Anabat recorders agreed with the findings of the surveyors and the total number of recordings per species is shown below.

Species	Count
Common Pipistrelle <i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	3

3.2. 21st August 2025.

3.2.1. The building on site was assessed as having moderate potential for roosting bats. Therefore, a total of two dusk emergence surveys were carried out for this site. The results of the second and final survey are detailed below.

3.2.2. The survey was led by Mitch Greenhalgh, who holds a level 2 Natural England bat survey licence (2015-10823-CLS-CLS) along with one other surveyor, who is an experienced assistant.

3.2.3. The surveyors were equipped with Batbox Duet detectors and two-way radios. Two static Anabat Rangers recorders were deployed alongside the surveyors to record bat activity for subsequent computer analysis using Anabat Insight Software.

3.2.4. Three infrared cameras and infrared torches were also set up around the building ensuring that all features were covered. Shown below are timestamped photographs which show the view of each camera at both the start and end of the survey. A clear view of the rear (north) side of the building is difficult due to the tall fence and scrubby vegetation.

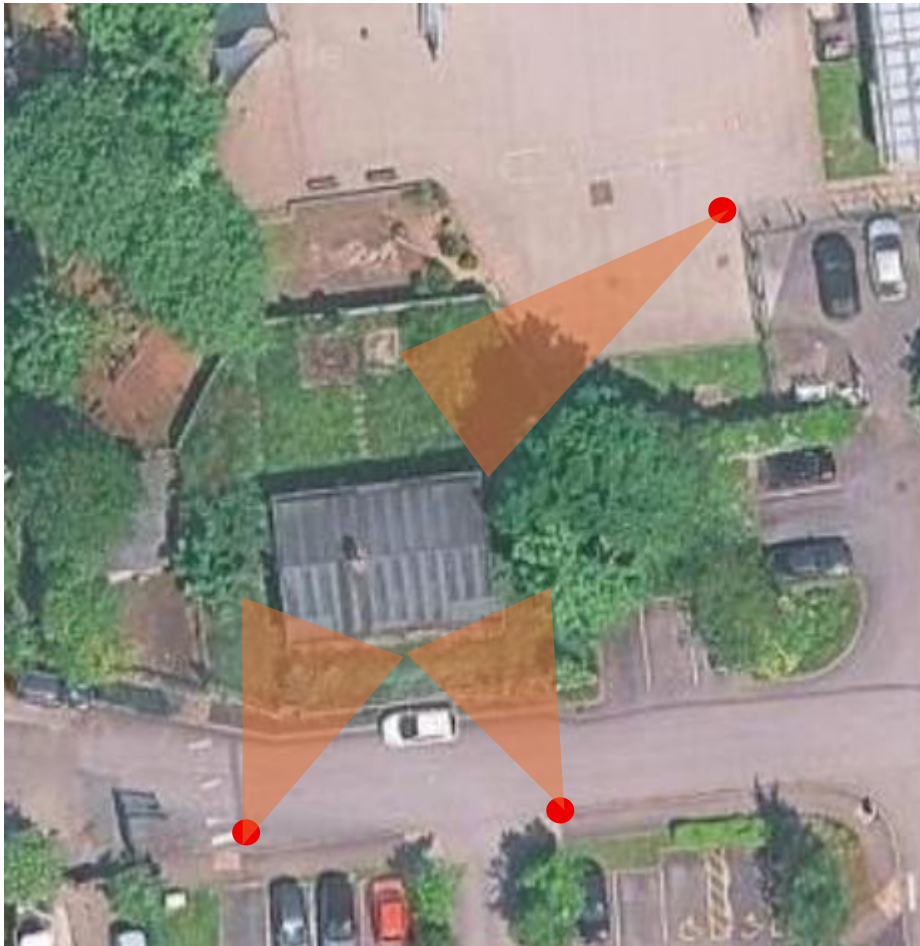




3.2.5. The aerial photograph below shows where the Surveyors (S) and Anabats (AB) were located throughout the survey.



3.2.6. The aerial photograph below shows where the cameras were positioned along with their approximate field of view.



3.2.7. The survey was carried out on 21st July 2025. The evening was mild with passing clouds and an ambient temperature of 14°C at the start of the survey. Sunset was at 20:21 and therefore, the survey commenced at 20:06 and ceased at 21:51.

3.2.8. Bat activity during the survey was non-existing, with the surveyors recording no activity on site.

3.2.9. Subsequent analysis of the infrared cameras confirmed that no bats emerged from the building during the survey.

3.2.10. Subsequent analysis of the Anabat recorders agreed with the findings of the surveyors and the total number of recordings per species is shown below.

Species	Count
N/A	0

4. Evaluation and recommendations.

4.1. No bat roosts were identified in the building throughout the survey or via subsequent camera analysis. Therefore, no further bat surveys or mitigation are recommended.

4.2. However, individual bats can opportunistically roost almost anywhere on a temporary basis and therefore, it is recommended that due care be exercised throughout the works. If a bat is found during the works, it should be kept safe and professional advice should be sought immediately. Works should cease immediately until advice has been given.

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