

# Our vision is of a world rich in wildlife where bats and people thrive together

# Bat Conservation Trust

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For over 30 years the Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) has been the leading non-governmental organisation in the UK solely devoted to the conservation of bats and the landscapes on which they rely.



Our objectives are:

## DISCOVER To ensure scientific evidence is in place to support bat conservation

### National Bat Monitoring Programme

- UK wide community science project set up 25 years ago, now monitoring 11 of the 17 bat species that breed in Britain.
- Over 1000 volunteer community scientists monitoring over 1000 sites using a variety of surveys.
- Using cutting edge technology to broaden the diversity of people engaged as well as the species & habitats monitored.
- Using affordable passive acoustic detectors along with classifiers is revolutionising NBMP.



### Research

- Committed to conservation policy, practice & guidance based on a scientific evidence base.
- Using & generating scientific evidence to underpin bat conservation.
- Collaborating with experts from academic & governmental research organisations.
- Celebrating the work of others through the Vincent Weir & Kate Barlow Awards.



## ACT To secure and enhance bat populations and their resilience in a changing world

### Partnerships

- Collaborative working underpins all that we do at BCT.
- Working with over 80 bat groups across the UK.
- On the ground projects with other NGOs & partner organisations in relevant industries & sectors.
- Producing guidance, providing advice, & working to achieve a positive impact for bat conservation.



### Wildlife Crime

- All bats & their roosts are legally protected in the UK.
- Supporting the police with wildlife crime prevention & training.
- In 2021-22 we contributed to 136 police investigations, inc. cautions & prosecutions.
- Working to influence government policy, including around the UN Wildlife & Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit.



## INSPIRE To win the levels of support required to secure and enhance bat populations

### Bats and Disease

- Providing scientific based guidance & advice to different audiences inc. members of the public who encounter bats, bat workers & bat rehabilitators.
- Working with experts nationally & internationally (including the IUCN Bat Specialist Group) to counter public & media misunderstandings on the topic of bats & disease.



### National Bat Helpline

- Providing advice & support to anyone who encounters bats through our website & via a telephone helpline.
- Over 14,000 enquiries each year are received from building & planning professionals, householders with bat roost questions, & members of the public who have found injured & grounded bats.

