

Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)



LICENCE – Disturb or take bats : Science, Education & Conservation

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the above legislation

Any request for information in this licence will be considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as appropriate.

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Licence number:

Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) Natural England has granted this licence for bats for the purpose of:

Science or education, under section 55(2)(a) and/or section 16(3)(a)

Ringling or marking, under section 55(2)(b) and section 16(3)(b)

Name (in full)

Address

Between the dates of: and inclusive,

subject to the conditions specified.

At (locations):

Site/Location Name	County	OS Grid Reference
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South Cubbington	Warwickshire	SP35086875
Lichfield	Staffordshire	SK12491369
Walker Spinney	Warwickshire	SP 18353 98210

For the following species:

Species Common Name (Taxonomic Name)	Number	Activity	Method	Detailed Location	OS Grid Reference
All bats (Chiroptera)	No Limit	Take	Static hand held net Mist nets Harp trap	All sites specified as above	Grid References as Specified above
All bats (Chiroptera)	108	Disturb	Radio transmitter	All sites specified as above	Grid References as Specified above
All bats (Chiroptera)	No Limit	Disturb	Acoustic lures	All sites specified as above	Grid References as Specified above
All bats (Chiroptera)	No Limit	Disturb	Ringling By hand from bat boxes	All sites specified as above	Grid References as Specified above

This licence is granted subject to the licensee, including servants and named agents, adhering to the conditions and notes specified below.

Name:

Date:

02/07/2025

Warnings, licence conditions and notes

Important Advice

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- **This licence conveys no authority for actions prohibited by any other legislation;**
- **This licence can be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England, but this will not be done unless there are good reasons for doing so. The licence is likely to be revoked immediately if it is discovered that false information had been provided which resulted in the issue of the licence.**

Licence conditions

1. These conditions apply to the licensee and any additional authorised person. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s) are responsible for ensuring that any licensed operations/ activities comply with all terms and conditions of the licence.
2. The licensee and any additional authorised person(s), shown on the licence, may act under the authority of this licence. The licensee or any additional authorised person(s) may also employ assistants provided they work under the direct personal supervision of the licensee or authorised person.
3. Whilst engaged in activities permitted by this licence, the licensee and/or any additional authorised person(s), must have access to a copy of this licence and produce it to any police officer or any Natural England officer on demand.
4. The Licensee and any additional authorised person(s) shall permit an officer of Natural England, accompanied by such persons as he/she considers necessary for the purpose, on production of his/her identification on demand, reasonable access to the site for monitoring purposes and to be present during any operations carried out under the authority of this licence for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of this licence are being, or have been, complied with. The Licensee shall give all reasonable assistance to an officer of Natural England and any persons accompanying him/her.
5. This licence does not convey any right of entry upon land, and the landowner's/occupier's prior permission must be obtained, as necessary, before the licence is used.
6. No licensed activity shall be carried out under this licence on a National Nature Reserve or Marine Nature Reserve except with the prior written permission of Natural England.
7. A person authorised by the licensee shall provide him/her with such information as is within his/her knowledge and is necessary for the Report, which the licensee is required to make to Natural England.
8. The 'Report by licensee of action taken under licence' must be completed, even if no licensed action is taken. It must be submitted on line or sent to the Natural England office at the address shown on this licence, to arrive no later than 14 days (two weeks) after the expiry of the licence. Failure to make a report may result in the licence being revoked and/or any future applications being refused

9. This licence may be modified or revoked at any time by Natural England.
10. All activities should be carried out as described in the 'Project proposal ALBST BBV HS2 2025_for submission Feb 2025 (received 24.03.2025) (In the 3 woodland sites located in Warwickshire and Staffordshire).

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11. All trapping and ringing activities must be carried out in accordance with best practice described in Natural England guidance note "Guidance on the capture and marking of bats under the authority of a Natural England licence" WMLG39: https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20140605150911/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/Images/wmlg39_tcm6-35872.pdf
12. The licensee may use an acoustic lure but not within 20 metres of any known bat roosts and for no more than two consecutive nights at any one location.
13. A maximum of three mist net may be used per woodland block where a combination of mist net and harp traps are utilised.
14. The licensee must use appropriately sized rings for each species (as set out in the Eurobats Agreement) obtained from The Mammal Society or the Bat Conservation Trust.
15. Any bats taken under this licence shall be liberated at the site of capture immediately after examination and/or ringing/marking.
16. A maximum of three (3) consecutive nights of catching by mist net or harp trap shall be carried out at any of the 3 trapping locations identified.
17. Trapping must be suspended if heavily pregnant or early lactating bats of any species are being caught in high single figures on any given survey night.
18. Female bats in the late stages of pregnancy must not be radio-tagged. Lactating females can only be radio-tagged if they reach target weight (radio tags weighing <5% of the weight of the bat) and are in good condition.
19. Bats may be marked with radio transmitters, radio-tags and associated adhesive must weigh <6.5% of the weight of the bat.
20. Bats may be marked with non-toxic chalk pen suitable for use on bats.
21. Fur clipping may be used to mark bats.
22. The licensee may attach radio tags to a maximum of 108 bats, as per Section 3 of the project proposal.
23. All trapping to be undertaken at temperatures above 8°C.

24. Where 'No Limit' is specified above please note that there is no limit to the number of bats that may be disturbed and taken under the licence, provided all conditions are adhered to.

Notes

1. Please read the details of your licence carefully to ensure that you comply with it paying particular attention to the number and species licensed as this may differ to what was requested in your application.
2. Under Regulation 60(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with a licence condition. This includes all persons authorised to act under this licence.
3. An additional authorised person is a suitably trained and experienced person who is able to carry out work under a licence without the personal supervision of the licensee. To carry out licensed activities their name will be on the licence. To comply with the licence conditions, additional licensed persons should have a copy of the licence accessible when acting under the licence.
4. An assistant is a person assisting the licensee or the additional authorised person(s). Assistants are only authorised to act under a licence whilst they are under the direct supervision of either the licensee or the additional authorised person(s).
5. Natural England advises that where any individual is likely to come into contact with a bat in the operation of this licence, they should ensure that they wear suitable clothing and gloves and have been vaccinated against European Bat Lyssavirus (EBL).
6. Persons acting under this licence should abide by the advice described in "Coronavirus (COVID-19): surveying and mitigation works affecting wildlife" issued by Defra to Natural England, as a minimum precaution to reduce the risk of accidental transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 from humans to wild mammals. "Coronavirus (COVID19): surveying and mitigation works affecting wildlife" is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid19-surveying-and-mitigation-works-affecting-wildlife> or on request from Natural England (wildlife.scicons@naturalengland.org.uk). You should check whether this advice has been updated and if so, should ensure that you act in accordance with the most up to date version. Any products used to clean and disinfect equipment should be safe for use where there could be contact with animals and used at an effective and safe dilution rate. 'Safe4' is considered to be an appropriate disinfectant for this purpose and is considered effective against the virus at a dilution of 1:50.
7. Before exercising this licence the licensee should liaise with the appropriate local bat groups or licensees. The licensee should observe the guidelines set out in the Bat Workers Manual.
8. All equipment used for the purposes of this licence shall be so constructed and maintained as to avoid cruelty and distress to the species named on this licence.
9. The licensee may photograph the animals as an incidental part of licensed work provided that no additional disturbance is caused thereby.
10. Possession of a licence to disturb or capture bats indicates that the licensee has demonstrated an appropriate level of competence in these activities. The licence should not be used or taken to indicate competence in any other activity that may be associated with work on bats.

