

**To Whom It May Concern,**

The holder of this letter is volunteering for the North Somerset Bat Survey as part of the South West Wildlife Monitoring Project. This project will run for a minimum of three years and is led by the University of the West of England's Bat Conservation Research Lab. We are in partnership with many organisations, including Avon Wildlife Trust and North Somerset Council.

Volunteers can run surveys all year by hiring our bat detectors and deploying them in a chosen area. We will be gathering spatial distribution data on bats across North Somerset, and eventually the South West of England, informing us of which bat species use which areas. This information will enable sustainable urban development by identifying conservation priority areas.

Volunteers are required to book a 1km-square to survey, the holder of this letter has booked one which contains an area of your land. They will need to visit this area, deploy a bat detector in a suitable location and leave it for six consecutive nights to automatically record bat calls, and then they will collect the equipment the day after the final survey night.

**It would be greatly appreciated if you could grant the holder of this letter access to your private land to complete the North Somerset Bat Survey. If permission is given, could you please complete the form provided by the volunteer.**

If you have any questions about this survey, please email us, or visit the North Somerset Bat Survey website.

Any information gathered about landowners will be kept confidential and not used for any other purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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