

North Somerset Bat Survey



Contacting landowners

Before you visit your 1km-square, it is really important that the landowner of this area **grants you permission** to access it. Please ask the **landowner to complete the form** provided on the next page. **Please note-** you will need to add the detector location (grid reference) yourself. When done, please take a photo of it and send it to northsomersetbats@uwe.ac.uk

To find details of the landowner of your survey location, you can:

- 1) **Ask locals-** Simply ask people around the area, whether this is residents, shops, pubs, the post office or adjoining landowners, if they know the landowner's details or can pass yours on to them.
- 2) **Search the address online-** Once you have the address for where you want to survey, perhaps the easiest way of finding out the landowner's details is by looking online, as information such as this can often be accessed.
- 3) **Search an online register-** If you have the address, postcode or title number of the location you can apply for an online copy of the Title Register via HM Land Registry: <https://eservices.landregistry.gov.uk/eservices/FindAProperty/view/QuickEnquiryInit.do> **Please note that applying for these records costs £3.**
- 4) **Contact the North Somerset Council-** The council may own the land, in which case you will need to get permission from them to access restricted areas. Visit their website via: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/local-land-charges/land-ownership-enquiries>
- 5) **Contact the Electoral Registration Office-** They can tell you where you can view the current electoral register for your area (often libraries). The electoral register will contain a list of the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in the area. You can use the address of your surveying location to look up the name of the landowner. Contact the Electoral Registration Office online via: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office>

Landowner Permission Form

Full name:

Telephone:

Email:

Location (grid reference) of bat detector (to be completed by volunteer):

I give my permission for a North Somerset Survey volunteer to conduct bat surveys at the location provided above.

Signed:

Date:

Your personal details will be added to our database to confirm that you have granted permission. If you **DO NOT** wish for the University of the West of England to hold your details, please tick this box: