



Protected Species

Working with Business, Protecting Wildlife



A number of rare British species, and their habitats are protected by both national and international legislation from harm and/or disturbance. These species frequently inhabit development sites, therefore appropriate surveys and mitigation are required to prevent a breach of legislation and to meet planning requirements.

Our in-house team of licensed protected species ecologists bring a creative, flexible and pragmatic approach to our work, with a strong emphasis on effective communication. We provide protected species surveys for clients such as developers, architects, Local Authorities, Government organisations, and landowners.

Commissioning appropriate ecological surveys at an early stage in project development can save time and money.

“It is an exciting challenge to conserve a rare species and enhance its habitat whilst ensuring the efficient delivery of development projects”

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We offer the following protected species surveys:

- * Bats
 - Initial Survey
 - Activity Survey
 - Wind Turbine Bat Surveys
- * Great Crested Newts
 - Habitat Suitability Index
 - Presence/Population Survey
- * Dormouse
 - Nut Search
 - Nest Search/Survey
- * Badgers
 - Activity Survey
- * Reptiles
 - Habitat Assessment
 - Presence/Population Survey
- * Otter & Water Vole
- * Birds
- * White-Clawed Crayfish
- * Code for Sustainable Homes
- * Natural England European Protected Species (EPS) Mitigation Licence
- * Phase I Habitat Survey

Please contact us if we can be of any further help. All the services we provide follow recommended Codes of Practice and national guidance.

Bat Conservation Trust 



Case Study: Suffolk Barns

An architect commissioned an initial biodiversity survey on a complex of barns in Suffolk that were proposed for conversion into residential dwellings.

The initial survey considered a range of protected species such as bats, barn owls, great crested newts, water voles and reptiles. The results of the initial survey showed signs of recent bat activity.

Subsequently, before planning permission could be granted, a bat activity survey was undertaken to determine how bats were using the barns and develop an appropriate mitigation strategy. It was possible to phase the building works so that some development could start immediately in areas without bat roosts.

A new bat attic was created on site to house the bats so that this rare species was protected and the buildings could be converted rather than falling into disrepair.



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