



Arboriculture and Bats Combined Course – Scoping Surveys and Secondary Roost Surveys for Arborists

At a glance...

Customised Provision

Introduction

An introduction to bats in relation to ecology, the law, and tree use.

Overview in brief

Most people working with trees will come across a bat at some point in their career, but not everyone is confident in knowing what they can and can't do around these protected species, why these funny flying mammals are there and when they should call in expert help.

Following this engaging and thought-provoking 1.5-day course, you'll be able to carry out tree works with consideration for the potential effects on bats and their habitats and make informed decisions to stay within the laws regarding protected species.

The finer details

Our friendly and knowledgeable instructors combine theory sessions with practical activities; carrying out scoping surveys of trees and using an endoscope to undertake secondary roost surveys to build your confidence, skills and knowledge of bats and trees.

This course was developed by the Bat Conservation Trust and supported by the Arboricultural Association. It is in line with best practice as outlined in the 4th Edition of the Bat Survey Guidelines (2023) and the British Standard 8596 - Surveying for bats in trees and woodland.





Who should attend?

Anyone working with trees (arborists, tree surgeons, woodland managers, groundskeepers, landowners).

What will be covered?

Course covers:

- Bat biology
- Bat ecology
- Bats and the law
- Potential tree roost recognition
- How to undertake a scoping survey
- When and how to use an endoscope under the JNCC approved method statement
- When and where to go for expert help
- Emergency procedures
- Practical exercises to undertake a scoping survey and how to use an endoscope appropriately to undertake a secondary roost survey.

