



How to apply for a Natural England bat mitigation licence

A two day course for experienced bat surveyors/ecologists, explaining the process and requirements of applying for a Natural England bat mitigation licence

Introduction

This course will explain what information is required to apply for a bat mitigation licence and go through the process of completing all the relevant forms, including the necessary content, common mistakes and 'top tips' to avoid further information requests from Natural England.

What will it cover?

Topics covered include: undertaking adequate bat survey; terminology of buildings; impact assessment; tool-box talks and working methods; roost exclusion and destruction; design of replacement bat roosts, including maternity, hibernation, day & night/feeding perch roosts; planning and implementing long-term habitat management, maintenance and monitoring; communication with Natural England, clients and contractors. Granted licence examples will be reviewed, with a focus on a range of different mitigation examples for species including pipistrelle, long-eared, Myotis and horseshoe species.

Who is it for?

It is expected that delegates already have a good understanding and experience of bat ecology and conservation, survey methods, species identification and handling. Delegates should be familiar with English Nature Bat Mitigation Guidelines, JNCC Bat Workers Manual and current Bat Conservation Trust survey guidelines (Collins, 2016). To qualify for a reference delegates must be able to demonstrate that they have: an existing survey licence; at least 2 years' field experience of identifying bat species; experience in handling and examination from at least five sites over a two-year period; surveyed a minimum of five sites in these two years, including both crevice and void dwelling bats; are competent in the use of bat detectors and analysing sonograms; a working knowledge of Local Authority planning and European Protected Species legislation.

What will I learn?

Following attendance of the course, a practical example will be given as homework that will be reviewed and assessed to determine each delegate's knowledge and competency. If we are happy that a delegate has provided sufficient evidence and adequately demonstrated competence in all relevant areas we will provide a reference for them when applying for their first licence (within 12 months of course attendance). The reference will be from Richard Green BSc(Hons) CEnv MCIEEM, who has over 10 years' experience and has obtained over 100 licences, including in the last three years. Alternatively, if we are not 100% confident about an individual's competence we will offer the opportunity for them to work as an 'accredited agent' or 'assistant' (depending on their ability/competence level) under our guidance and supervision. This may be on one of their own projects where we are the named ecologist, or one of our own licence projects. Additional fees may apply to cover time and expenses.



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| Course | How to apply for a Natural England bat mitigation licence |
| Date and times | Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th May 2018 09:30 – 16:30 |
| Location | Unit 9C, Mill Park Industrial Estate, Woodbury Salterton, Devon, EX5 1EL |
| Course tutor | Richard Green BSc (Hons) CEnv MCIEEM (over 10 years' experience and over 100 licences obtained) |
| Cost (inclusive of VAT) | £550.00 |
| What to bring: | Pen/paper Lunch (tea/coffee will be provided) |
| Travel information | Driving—Take the A3052 from Exeter/J30 of M5. Turn right at White Horse Pub. Turn left into Mill Park after going over the Grindle Brook. Parking is available at the top of the site, behind the last set of units. Nearest train station: Exeter St David's Bus: No. 56 bus from Exeter to Exmouth — Nine Oaks, Greendale Barton Stop |
| Booking | To book a place, please email office@richardgreenecology.co.uk or call 01395 239234. Payment by cheque or BACS. An invoice will be provided with payment details. Places cannot be held until payment is made in full. Please note that the course may be cancelled if there is insufficient interest. In this case, a full refund will be made. |