



# Introduction to Bat Ecology and Survey Techniques

## ***Introduction***

This course provides an introduction to key skills, experience and knowledge necessary for undertaking professional bat work in the UK.

The course is a mix of class, practical and fieldwork, taught by an expert bat ecologist.

## ***Course content***

- Bat species in the UK; ecology, physiology and distributions
- Bats and the law - legal status and licences
- Bat conservation - threats to bats, including habitat and roost loss, pesticides and persecution
- Visual bat species identification
- Bat droppings and other bat signs
- Bat survey techniques and methods
- Health and safety
- Use of bat detectors and other equipment
- Survey effort
- Interpretation and reporting of findings
- Evening bat survey using bat detectors

Attendees must be fit and able to walk across rough terrain. Appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear should be worn for the evening activity.

A course certificate will be issued following completion of a test.

## ***Where?***

The course is held at our main office, just outside of Exeter, and the fieldwork is undertaken locally.

## ***How to book***

Please email [office@richardgreenecology.co.uk](mailto:office@richardgreenecology.co.uk) for a booking form.