

## **Brampton Abbotts Village Hall**

### **Method Statement - Bats and Nesting Birds**

Janet Lomas was commissioned to conduct a Preliminary Bat Survey and prepare a method statement for Brampton Abbotts Village Hall, Brampton Abbotts, Ross on Wye, HR9 7JD, grid reference SO6026 2656, where it is proposed to remove the Village Hall's existing roof sheeting and replace with new metal profiled sheeting.

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Bat Class Licence Registration No. 2015-10954-CLS-CLS

Gt Crested Newt Class Licence WML-CL08

### **METHOD STATEMENT FOR BATS AND NESTING BIRDS.**

In the unlikely event that roosting bats are present and to ensure that bats and nesting birds are not harmed by the proposed works, the following precautionary approach will be adopted:

- A licensed bat worker will be made aware of timing of the removal of the roof and will be on call during the time that the roof is dismantled. Ideally, this work will take place in March/April when bats are less vulnerable to disturbance than during hibernation and the breeding season.
- A single dusk or dawn survey will take place within a week of commencement of work on the building, to identify whether bats are present at that time. If bats are present, and if work will disturb bats or destroy a roost, a licence may be required.
- Before work begins, all site workers will be made aware of the possibilities of finding bats and the procedure to follow should they be found when the ecologist is not on site.
- Removal of the existing roof will be done with care; roofing materials will be examined as they are removed to ensure that there are no bats hidden between bricks/blocks or gaps in roofing materials.
- Care will be taken when dismantling the roof on the south extension (Store 2) to ensure that no bats are not harmed if they are found to be present in the void.
- If at any point during works a bat is discovered, contractors will stop work immediately and telephone an ecological professional qualified to deal with bats. Telephone numbers of such will be held on site

- A thorough inspection will take place to find out if birds are nesting on the ledge between roof/walls. If nesting birds are present, work will be delayed until the nesting processes are complete and young are fledged. A copy of these recommendations will be available to workers on the site.