Subject: RE: Bat survey reports..and surveys
Date: Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 15:10:16 British Summer Time
From: aljohnston.bats@yahoo.co.uk
To: Bethan Jones
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Hi Bethan,

Yes I've done both St Mary's, Llanfairynghonrwy and St Cwellog's.

Sorry I still haven't finished watching all the videos for St Marys yet, we had 6 cameras recording that survey but I have watched the camera I set up on the hole in the ceiling of the south transept and during the survey there were no bats enter or exit that hole. So we won't need a licence to repair that area, although as there are three species of bats roosting in the church we still need to be careful during the works and I would recommend a toolbox talk and method statement for this one. I think it will be ok to get this work done whenever you want. I still need to watch the rest of the videos to work out how all of the bats are getting in and out of the church. Some of them use the small gap above the door, but I don't know if it's all of them, so before we can do anything to the tower I need to check this. As the bats exit over the main door, whatever work is done to the ceiling in the tower cannot block access to the door from inside the church. I will get the videos watched asap so we know if we need a licence for the orks to the tower with a view to starting work there possibly in September at the end of the bird breeding season if that works for you? Some of the bats, possibly all of them are roosting in the gaps between the timber ceiling of the naïve and the underside of the slates/torching. I plan on going back again as soon as I can to confirm the roosting locations and if the work to the flashing where the chancel and naïve join will impact the bats.
All work will have to avoid the ceiling of the naïve, but I don't think you had anything planned for that did you?

For St Cwellog's we had out from where the two roofs join, so you will need a licence for this work. The bats didn't echo locate when they exited, so I need to go back and try again to see if I can get either a call recorded, some droppings or a DNA swab from where the exit if they have to squeeze through a small gap in order to work out what species they are. I can't catch one as the numbers indicate a maternity roost and I can't disturb them until September to catch one and work out what species it is. I will get this report written up and then amend it once I've worked out what species of bats they are.

I have only just managed to get out to St Eilian's, it's been surprisingly hard to find a non-windy day to visit. I will go through these video's asap and get back to you.

Sorry its been busy with grounded and baby bats at the moment, so that's taking up a lot of time but I will get through the video's asap. Do you have a preference which I do first?

Kind regards,
Alison

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Pnawn da Alison, hope you are well

Keeping track on all these surveys you are preparing for us 😊

I understand from WhatsApp that you have conducted llanfairynghonrwy and st cwellog 23 June ish.

Have you been able to revisit st eilian?

We had a pre-contract meeting this afternoon and we hope to start o the tower roof mid august.

Diolch yn fawr

Cofion Cynnes / Kind regards

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Diolch yn fawr Alison.