

Bat Survey, Mitigation and Management Courses 2007

Locations: Witley Court, English Heritage Property, Worcestershire

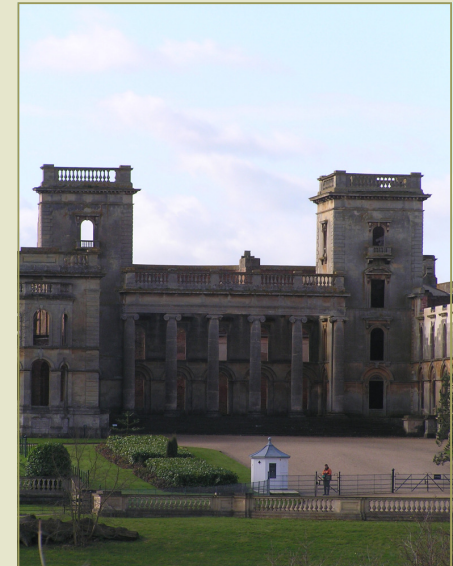
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Clients: Mouchel Parkman– Leeds
Total Ecology– Northumberland
FPCR
WYG Environmental– Leeds and Newcastle
Atkins– London
Sheffield University
Norwich Bat Group
Ecology Consultancy– Norwich
Sheffield Wildlife Trust

18 ecologists and bat group members of mixed ability took part in this training weekend. A group based workshop and discussion format was used to lead students through a range of real life scenarios based on projects previously carried out at Witley Court. Students were placed in mixed ability groups in which they learnt skills relating to:

- Internal and external surveys
- Emergence and roost surveys
- Hibernation surveys
- Anabat surveys
- Bat handling
- Mitigation scheme designs

Bat roosts identified included, lesser horseshoe, Daubenton's and common pipistrelle.



Testimonials:

"interesting discussions, excellent site with scope for gaining experience, interesting mix of people on the course."

"Excellent weekend, It was great to see the horseshoes, very well organised and led."

"I would happily come on the same course again just to keep up to date with the latest litigation and thinking"

"Excellent weekend all round – good information covered and interesting discussions, excellent site with scope for gaining experience, interesting mix of people on the course."

"The discussion groups were fantastic and the idea of sharing the knowledge within the groups worked very well. It would have been even better if the course was delivered during the summer – but you cannot have everything!"

"I particularly liked the overall style of the weekend with particular focus being directed towards learning from each other."