



Bat Detector Workshop Request Form

The Bat Conservation Trust's National Bat Monitoring Programme works with local bat groups and other organisations such as the RSPB, the Wildlife Trusts and countryside rangers to run bat detector workshops. The aim of these workshops is to ensure that there are trained volunteers able to carry out survey work for the purpose of monitoring the UK's bat populations. In addition we hope to provide skills in species identification with bat detectors and carrying out monitoring survey work that can be used on a local level by voluntary groups and individuals in other conservation projects. The workshops are interesting and fun designed to stimulate, entertain and raise awareness about bats and their world of sound.

The workshops are usually run in partnership with one or more other groups. This enables us to maximise the number of workshops that we can do, to keep within our budget and achieve value for money without making it necessary to incur large administration costs. In general the workshops are targeted to achieve our monitoring aims and therefore we try to focus on presenting workshops in areas where we may need to:

- Recruit new volunteers
- Ensure that new & existing volunteers have sufficient training to participate in NBMP surveys.
- Ensure that sites surveyed previously in a given area are surveyed again by recruiting and training new or existing volunteers in that area
- Pilot a new survey or a change in methodology for monitoring work.

An introductory level event usually takes a half day classroom session plus an evening walk/practical session. It is possible to start at lunchtime, finish for dinner and re-convene for the evening session or work through from a later afternoon start (or early evening if doing a more condensed version). **Please see the 'Introductory Workshop Outline' for details.** If you are interested in a more comprehensive event or advanced training in bat detectors please contact the BCT to speak to NBMP staff.

If you would like one of our trainers to lead, or participate in, an event for your group or organisation, please complete the form overleaf to give us a general idea of the likely audience, potential dates and the proposed objective.

Tutors speak on behalf on the Bat Conservation Trust and use resources and formats devised within the development of the National Bat Monitoring Programme. The aim is to recruit and train volunteers to take part in national monitoring and also to assist voluntary groups in gaining skills in bat detecting that can be used for local voluntary projects.

Workshop participants pay a fee of £20 and there is a £5 discount for NBMP volunteers who have submitted survey data in the past, BCT members and unwaged (only one discount allowed per person). No other fees are charged and it is free for OAPs. Other concessions may be possible but must be agreed with BCT beforehand. A booking system is set up to collect participants details and any special requirements. All administration can be handled centrally including preparation of participants resource pack.

In certain situations we can be flexible and may negotiate with partnership organisations or groups over other types of arrangement for covering costs and arranging bookings etc but this should always be agreed in advance. For details and to discuss these issues please contact Philip Briggs, the Monitoring Projects Manager, on 020 7501 3622 or pbriggs@bats.org.uk. Publicity can also be organised through the BCT website and we will usually add the event to our list of training dates on the web page unless otherwise agreed.

This course is designed especially for voluntary bat conservationists and will not provide individuals with sufficient knowledge to undertake professional bat survey work. Attendance cannot be used to demonstrate proficiency in bat surveying.

Submitting Your Request

If you have a special request, would like to discuss options or require more information, please contact Philip Briggs, the Monitoring Projects Manager, on 020 7501 3622 or e-mail pbriggs@bats.org.uk.

Please give us as much notice as possible of your proposed dates so that we can organise our training programme in good time. Return the form below to:

National Bat Monitoring Programme, Bat Conservation Trust, 15 Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, SW8 4BG or email to pbriggs@bats.org.uk.

Completing the form does not guarantee an event will take place but we will endeavour to respond to all applications as promptly as possible. We will contact you on receipt.

Thank you.

Name of person to contact _____

Telephone number / email address _____

Name of organisation _____

Proposed dates (please give more than one option if possible) _____

What kind of workshop are you interested in? (Please circle one):

Introductory heterodyne / NBMP Field Survey / NBMP Waterway Survey / Advanced workshop / BCT Presentation

What is your group hoping to get out of the event? _____

Estimate the approximate audience size: _____

How many of your group have experience of using bat detectors? _____

Are any members of the group NBMP volunteers? Y / N / Unknown

Is your group interested in carrying out monitoring work for the programme? Y/ N

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Courses for environmental consultants are organised by the Bat Conservation Trust. Details are available from BCT on 0845 1300 228 or the BCT website on www.bats.org.uk.