

MILNROW LIBRARY – REPAIR WORKS JULY 2024

METHODOLOGY IN CASE OF ENCOUNTERING BATS DURING THE WORKS

In order to mitigate the risk of disturbing bats, that may be encountered on or within the building during the proposed works, a precautionary approach is to be undertaken to reduce the likelihood of an offence being committed.

As Conservation Contractor we and our Sub-Contractors, undertaking the work, have been made aware of the recommendations cited within the bat survey report and undertake to observe the following precautions:

- The stripping/disturbance of roof ridges and slates, lead flashing and fascias is to be carefully undertaken by hand, to avoid injury to any bats that may be present.
- These are to be lifted outwards/upwards and the exposed void below inspected for bats or signs of bats. The reverse surface of each slate is to be inspected for bats that may be clinging to the rough surfaces.
- A similar careful approach is to be taken for the removal of lead flashings and fascias. Any repairs to the masonry and roof timbers are also to be carried out carefully with gaps, cracks and holes inspected prior to being filled or repaired.
- Should bats be found to be present, they will be left in situ and not handled or touched.
- If a bat is disturbed and it wishes to fly, then it will be allowed to do so.
- If a bat is uncovered, for instance by lifting a tile, then the tile will be gently placed back with care taken not to crush the bat below.
- Alternatively, if the circumstances allow, a plastic or cardboard box, with ventilation holes, may temporarily be placed over the bat, to protect the bat. If circumstances allow the bat may be placed into the ventilated box.
- In the unlikely event that bats, or evidence of roosting bats (such as bat droppings) is found, works in the area will be suspended and the bat ecologist will be contacted to help resolve the situation and to advise regarding the best method to proceed.
- It is understood that this may require a statutory licence from Natural England to be obtained and, as part of this, additional surveys may be necessary (which may be seasonally constrained), along with mitigation and compensation, such as the provision of replacement roosting where appropriate.

02.07.2024 Agreed with the Contractor and Client.