

General Works Team In a Bat Rescue Mission

Site staff at our project at Ford Castle in Berwick Upon Tweed had a surprise recently.

They are currently stripping the old stone slate roof to the clock tower annex and one of the requirements is that we have an ecologist, Mervyn Anthony, in full attendance throughout the strip to ensure that the bat disturbance license conditions are complied with and that he can deal with any bats found by placing them in the nearby bat boxes installed by ourselves to ensure their preservation.

On day one of the roof strip, much to the surprise one of our operatives who had been briefed by Mervyn, reported finding a bat on the back of a stone tile and you can see by the pictures below what a tiny little chap he was.

During Mervyn's original brief he had mentioned the fact that some bats can carry rabies, hence why he has had the rabies vaccination and why the roofers were so keen to report the finding of the bat!

Steve Morrison and Mervyn then successfully relocated the bat into its temporary home, the bat box.

