Bats & Development

Bowland Ecology has a wealth of experience with bats and development across the UK and our in house staff hold bat licenses with Natural England, National Resources Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage. Bowland Ecology has a portfolio of mitigation bat roost designs, including project management during construction. Our experience with small and large scale developments includes;

- Activity transect surveys
- Roost assessment of buildings and structures
- Tree inspections
- Roost emergence and re-entry surveys
- Static data collection
- Bat call analysis, Trapping and handling
- Site works and demolition supervision
- Reporting, Legislation and Licensing
- Reasonable Avoidance Measures
- Mitigation and Compensation

Client: United Utilities

Project: Merrybent Farm, Forest of Bowland

Bowland Ecology undertook a range of surveys over two seasons. By using a combination of inspection surveys, activity and emergence surveys and remote detector surveys, Bowland Ecology identified several bat roosts within the building. Bowland Ecology then worked closely with the architects to retain access points and roosting spaces within the proposals for the converted building.   A licence application to Natural England was then prepared which was submitted with the Planning Application.

Client: BAE Systems

Project: Chorley, Lancashire

Bowland Ecology successfully delivered a licensed bat mitigation strategy required due to the decommissioning and redevelopment of a former ordnance factory in Chorley on behalf of BAE Systems. The bat house was required in order to mitigate for the loss of approximately 14 building supporting bat roosts. The scheme proved to be highly successful and was occupied by bats within just five months of construction.

Bowland Ecology technical staff are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and as such adhere to the CIEEM codes of professional conduct. We maintain Professional Indemnity insurance to £2,000,000 and Public Liability insurance.