



MANX BAT GROUP

Yn possan Manninagh son craitnaghyn



REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 443

VOLUNTEERS WANTED




ISLE OF MAN
BAT MONITORING PROJECT

DO YOU:

-  like visiting new places?
-  enjoy walking in the outdoors?

HAVE YOU:

-  an interest in the environment?
-  an hour or two to spare on a summer's evening?

CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

If you answer yes to any of these then YOU could help us to monitor bats in the Isle of Man

Our new bat project is supported by the Manx Lottery Trust and aims to set up repeatable transect surveys so that we can monitor the fortunes of our various bat species.

Volunteers will be loaned the necessary equipment and trained in its use prior to conducting the surveys along routes of their choice, starting at sunset.

Walking (or cycling) a repeatable transect route, volunteers will carry a bat recorder which emits characteristic sounds when a bat is encountered. The calls will be analysed later on a computer, and the GPS location determined. In the long term, the recorded bat encounters will reveal whether bat numbers are changing.

We aim to have comprehensive coverage of the Island, both geographically and in terms of habitat – built-up areas, valleys, farmland, woodland, upland and wetlands. Volunteers will be able to choose their survey area and design their own transect if they wish or they may elect to repeat a transect first covered in 2012/13. We hope also to cover some of the Island's plantations, possibly by mountain bike, so that larger transects can be achieved in this habitat. Volunteers may also have the opportunity to assist in roost monitoring surveys, counting bats as they emerge from their roost for a night-time of foraging for insects.

*There are plenty of opportunities to get involved please leave your name and contact details with the **Manx Bat Group** at batsearch@manxbatgroup.org or "message" on the Manx Bat Facebook page.*



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