

Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Type of Membership

In an effort to move towards being a paperless organisation, we encourage our members to receive correspondence by email.

Individual (£ 5.00)

Family (up to 4 email addresses)
(£ 8.00)

A postal membership is available for a small administrative fee

Individual (£ 7.50)

Family (up to 4 individuals)
(£ 12.00)

(I would also like to make a donation of)
(£)

Please make cheques payable to:
"Birmingham & Black Country Bat Group"
All membership details will be held on a database. This personal information will never be disclosed to third parties without your prior consent

Please detach & return to: Brumbats c/o Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, 28 Harbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3AA

For Further Advice & Information:

BrumBats!

Web: www.brumbats.org.uk
E-mail: info@brumbats.org.uk

Brumbats c/o Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, 28 Harbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. B15 3AA

Brumbats is a partner group of The Bat Conservation Trust, a charitable organisation solely devoted to the conservation of bats and their habitats in the British Isles.

BAT CONSERVATION TRUST
(020) 7627 2629.
www.bats.org.uk



BCT BATLINE (0845) 1300 228

The Bat Conservation Trust operates a national UK Helpline between 9am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday (except for Bank Holidays) October – April. During May to September assistance is also available during evenings and weekends.

Brumbats collaborates with Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust.



Web: www.wildlifetrust.org.uk
email: info@bbcwildlife.org.uk

BATS AND THE LAW

All our bats are protected by UK & EU laws: this legislation protects both bats and the places in which they live.

BrumBats!

Birmingham and Black Country Bat Group



Photograph kindly provided by J J Kaczanow & B.C.T. - Graphic Art by Matthew Caulfield

BrumBats!

Established in 1986 (International Year of the Bat) the bat group celebrated its 20th year in 2006.

BrumBats is a lively and active bat group and new members are always welcome.



There are loads of benefits to BrumBats membership, including free events and training, the BrumBats newsletter and access to our members' forum. There's still a lot to be learnt about our native bats, please come and join us in our regional bat surveys and monitoring programmes.

You can also get involved by coming to our social events, assisting in data collection and analysis or perhaps you'd enjoy some of our public talks or bat walks. Please feel free to ask us any questions, you can contact us at: info@brumbats.org.uk

Female bats usually have only 1 baby each year

Bats in the UK

There are 17 species currently living in the UK. Bats live in a wide range of homes from old caves, bridges and tunnels through to cracks in old trees, some churches, older homes and even modern houses.

Once more abundant, bats have suffered a drastic reduction in numbers both locally and nationally.

Bats don't nest or chew cables

Far from being a pest, bats can go as unnoticed house-guests for generations – leaving at night they are often mistaken for birds, hunting for insects and returning at dawn. Many of our members enjoy watching their colonies coming and going with the seasons. Who couldn't be fascinated by the fantastic acrobatic display of a hunting pipistrelle bat, or the first time you hear through a bat detector the unique sound of a bat echo-locating!

Pipistrelles are known to live up to 30 yrs



Bats in the West Midlands

Eight species of bats have been found to date in the West Midlands.

Birmingham is a complex of green spaces and waterways with great potential for bats such as Pipistrelles, Daubenton's and Noctules.

Pipistrelles are fantastic, acrobatic insect hunters. Daubenton's have been seen skillfully skimming insects off the surface of our canal networks. Noctules, our largest bat, can occasionally be seen hunting for insects high above the trees up to speeds of 30mph.

Under the Black Country, are a network of caves and tunnels that provide some nationally important hibernation roosts.

BrumBats!

- Good links with other groups in the area.
- Walks and talks throughout the year.
- Training and workshops to develop skills and knowledge about bats.
- Supporting advanced proficiency for those seeking bat licenses.
- Partnered with the Bat Conservation Trust.
- In conjunction with BCT and Natural England we undertake active roost visits, provide information, bat rescue and care for the area.
- Participation in research projects such as the National Bat Monitoring Programme and Waterways Survey,