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**Licence No:** **72955:OTH:CSAB:2016**

**Valid From:** **17<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**Expiry:** **31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990) AND THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010**

**Licence to disturb and take bats for scientific or educational purposes and for the purpose of conserving wild animals**

This licence, granted under Section 16(3) (a) and (c) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (amended by the Environmental Protection Act 1990) and under Regulation 53(2) (a) and (c) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, by the Natural Resource Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales, hereby authorises the person named above, hereinafter referred to as the "licensee" to:

1. **disturb** within roosts or outside entrances for identification, small numbers of bats (all species);
2. **take by hand** or static hand held net within roosts or outside entrances for identification, small numbers of bats (all species other than Greater or Lesser Horseshoe bats);
3. **disturb but not handle** hibernating bats (all species);

within all counties of **Wales**.

This licence is valid for the period **as stated above** and is granted subject to compliance with the conditions as specified. Anything done otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the licence may constitute an offence.



Signed for and on behalf of  
**Natural Resources Wales**

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Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English

## CONDITIONS

### Definitions

'NRW' is an abbreviation of the Natural Resources Body for Wales otherwise known as Natural Resources Wales

'EPS' is an abbreviation of European protected species

'Licence application' refers to the application form, method statement and any other supporting documents (where applicable).

2. Nothing shall be carried out under this licence on a National Nature Reserve or Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) except with the prior written permission from NRW's Regional Office in the area in which the National Nature Reserve or SSSI is situated.
11. Within four weeks after the expiry of this licence the Licensee shall submit to NRW details of the activities and operations undertaken by virtue of this licence on the official report form.
34. In exercising this licence the Licensee shall observe and adhere to the guidance set out in "The Bat Workers' Manual" (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) (2004), which can be downloaded from:-  
<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1741>
200. While engaged in activities under this licence the Licensee shall carry a copy of the licence and must produce it to any police constable or employee of NRW, or other person authorised in writing by NRW, on demand.
202. The activities hereby licensed are restricted to the Licensee, accredited agents and assistants as specified on this licence (see condition 206).
203. No accredited agent of the Licensee shall act under this licence unless they are in possession of a letter appointing them as the duly accredited agent of the licensee for the purpose of this licence. The accredited agent shall carry with them the said letter and a copy of this licence and shall produce them to any police constable or employee of NRW, or other person authorised in writing by the NRW, on demand.
204. Any assistants covered under this licence, whether assisting, operating machinery or giving advice, shall remain under the personal supervision of the Licensee or any accredited agent at all times.
205. The Licensee must assume full responsibility for the conduct of any assistants and accredited agents employed under this licence.
206. The activities and operations hereby covered are restricted to only those specified on this licence.
207. Any disturbance to animals shall be kept to the absolute minimum required, so animals are not prevented from normal feeding or rest, nor disturbed during breeding or hibernation; unless permission has been granted by NRW to do otherwise. All reasonable steps must be taken to prevent accidental injury to any protected species. Equipment must be of a kind and used in a way which will avoid distress or injury.
208. Unless specified otherwise this licence does not authorise the intentional killing, taking or injuring of any protected species.
209. Possession of this licence confers no rights of entry onto land. Permission to enter land or premises must be obtained from the owner or occupier. **Failure to seek permission will invalidate your licence and may result in offences being committed.** NRW will not accept responsibility for failure or omission by Licensees to fulfil this obligation and will consider immediate revocation of licences if complaints from owners or occupiers on these grounds are received.
210. If any European protected species (EPS) are incidentally captured or killed as a result of exercising this licence then NRW should be immediately advised on [specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:specieslicence@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk).

211. The Licensee shall advise NRW if there are any changes in their circumstances where such changes could invalidate this licence.
212. This licence is issued for the purpose of survey to ascertain the presence of protected species. Any translocations must be coordinated with the appropriate Regional staff of NRW and will be subject to a separate licence based on a detailed method statement.
213. Any wild animal(s) taken under this licence shall be liberated at the site of capture as soon as its retention is no longer necessary. Handling should be kept to the absolute minimum necessary for examination.

**NOTES**

- N1. This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be an offence under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Failure to act within the purposes of this licence or failure to comply with the terms and conditions may mean that the licence cannot be relied upon and an offence is committed. Furthermore, under regulation 58 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 it is an offence to contravene or fail to comply with any condition of a licence issued on or after 21 August 2007. The maximum penalty upon summary conviction for an offence under the Regulations is a level 5 fine (£5000) and/or a six-month custodial sentence.
- N2. The Licensee is reminded that, in relation to conditions relating to Nationally Protected Species, anything done that is not under and in accordance with the terms of this licence may result in a criminal offence being committed under sections 1, 5, 6 (3), 7, 8, 9 (1 – 2), 9 (4 – 4A), 11 (1 – 2) and 13 (1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- N3. This licence may be modified or revoked at any time by NRW.
- N4. Nothing in this licence confers any exemption from any legal provision contained in any Act, other than the Act(s) under which this licence is issued. Where appropriate licences should be obtained from the Home Office to fulfil the requirements of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986.
- N5. The Licensee may be accompanied by the owner or occupier of the land on which this licence is exercised. In such circumstances, it will be the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure that no additional disturbance is caused.
- N6. The personal information on this licence will be kept and used by us in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The licence will be permanently retained, as it is a legal document. We may discuss licence content with selected third parties. Other than stated above, we will not make the personal data on this licence available to third parties unless there is an overriding public interest. The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you the right to know what data we hold about you, how we use it, to which third parties it is disclosed, and that it is accurate. To exercise this right please contact the Data Protection Officer at NRW.
- N7. You agree to complete a licence report with details of required biodiversity records collected in association with this licence. We have your permission to store, copy, use, and release or publish any biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive, publication and access will be restricted in accordance with both the Environmental Information Regulations (2004) and our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. We may share the biodiversity records supplied with conservation organisations selected by us. Where our policy on public access to data states that the information is sensitive any such release will be under restrictive licence conditions in accordance with our guidance on access to data on sensitive biodiversity features. Please note that an inadequate return will prejudice future licence applications
- N8. Biodiversity records associated with the issue of this licence must be as reliable and accurate possible and collected with all necessary permissions.

- N9. We acknowledge that biological records collected in relation to this licence, unless collected under a contract (with alternate provisions relating to Intellectual Property Rights) for us or a Third Party, remain the intellectual property of the licence holder. In all cases we will seek to acknowledge intellectual property and not use any biological records collected under licence beyond the purposes stated above.
- N10. **A biosecurity risk assessment should be prepared to evaluate potential risks at each site and relevant biosecurity precautions should be addressed according to the habitats and species present. The following notes should help to inform your working procedure and links to further information can be found below.**

On sites with freshwater, the transfer of amphibian and fish diseases as well as invasive non-native species should be minimised by undertaking cleaning and disinfection of equipment. All debris, plant fragments and mud should first be scrubbed off footwear and rinsed with water. Disinfection should comprise soaking in a bleach solution (1 measure of household bleach to 9 measures of water) for 15 minutes, or using Virkon solution (1mg/ml) for 1 minute. Fabrics can be washed on a 40° C cycle (with detergent, ensuring sufficient rinsing). Nets should be boiled for 10 minutes or, if the fabric allows, disinfected with spray bleach and rinsed thoroughly. Rinse with clean water and if possible, allow to dry before next use. Keep field gear (e.g. traps, net frames, buckets) inside plastic bags during transit and storage to reduce the likelihood of transmitting diseases. All used disinfectants should be disposed of appropriately. Sites considered to be 'infected' should be surveyed/visited last during any programme of work.

To minimise the risk of spreading *Phytophthora* when visiting heathland or woodland sites, scrub all visible soil and debris from footwear using water, spray with Propeller and leave until it has evaporated. Vehicle access along tracks should be kept to a minimum and mud should be cleaned from car wheels, wheel arches and foot wells of cars. This should be repeated at each site visited. *Phytophthora* disease control sites should be avoided if at all possible. Propeller can be obtained from Evans Chemical Supplies, 18B Barncoose Industrial Estate, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, Tel. 01209 213643.

Biosecurity advice on ash dieback disease, *Chalara*, can be found at

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6abl5v>

More information on Phytophthora can be found at

<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-3717>

Amphibian workers should read the ARG-UK advice note 4: amphibian disease precautions – a guide for UK field workers (<http://www.arguk.org/advice-and-guidance/view-category>)

Information and advice on invasive non native species can be found at

<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/nonnativespecies/home/index.cfm>

- N12. Before exercising this licence the Licensee must liaise with the local bat groups in order to avoid duplication of site visits.
- N13. Flash photography in bat roosts or hibernacula, or entering bat roosts or hibernacula for the purpose of photography (including filming), must be specifically licensed. A licence to photograph (including filming) bats is not required if the photography is an incidental part of other licensed bat work and it causes no extra disturbance above that caused by the licensed activities. Such photography includes a) non-flash photography (i.e. using only natural light or low-level artificial light such as a domestic torch) of roosting bats and of people carrying out licensed work in and around roosts and b) flash photography in roosts and hibernacula only when no bats are present, c) photography of bats caught at traps during survey work, d) flash photography of individual bats for identification purposes or of groups of bats for survey purposes, where the licence holder considers that this would cause less disturbance than handling or prolonged illumination of bats. It is recommended that there is only one designated photographer at any one time to reduce disturbance.
- N14. Licensees are expected to adhere to the Bat Conservation Trust's advice concerning White-Nose Syndrome, see following link:- <http://www.bats.org.uk>
- N15. Good occupational practice as dictated in "Immunisation against Infectious Disease" (issued by the Department of Health in consultation with the Welsh Government 1996) suggests that bat handlers should be vaccinated against rabies. Pre-exposure immunisation with human diploid cell rabies vaccine is available free from the NHS to bat handlers.