

National Bat Care Conference

Programme

Welcome the National Bat Care Conference! All activities during the day will take place in the Longbridge campus at South & Central College. All talks will be recorded.

09:00 – 9:30	Registration and welcome refreshments
09:00	Zoom room opens online
	Session 1
09:30	Welcome
	Keynote: Compassionate Euthanasia <i>Heidi Hargreaves, Vale Wildlife Hospital</i>
	Post-release monitoring <i>Claire Andrews</i>
	Discussion: Post-release monitoring
	Notices
11:00 – 11:30	Break
	Session 2
11:30 – 12:30	Licencing bat care in Scotland <i>Paul Reynolds</i>
	Panel discussion: Licencing bat care
	Notices
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Workshops
	Bat species ID and ecology
	Organising a local network/regional helpline – learning from each other
	Reuniting baby bats with their mums
	Basic facilities for bat care including enrichment
	Assessing bats for best outcomes
	Session 3
	Break
15:00 – 15:30	The Bat1K Genome Project: A global effort to catalogue and preserve the
15:30 – 16:45	unique genetic diversity of bats <i>Sonja Vernes, Bat1K</i>
	Bat Disease Surveillance in the UK: engaging conservation volunteers &
	bat workers <i>Allyson Walsh, BCT</i>
	Dealing with the public - the voice of bat conservation <i>National Bat Helpline team, BCT</i>
	Bat rescue: the public face of bat conservation for many <i>Maggie Brown</i>
	Q&A, Thank yous and raffle
16:45	Conference ends