



VOLUNTEER BAT CARE HELPLINE 2021

YOUR IMPACT

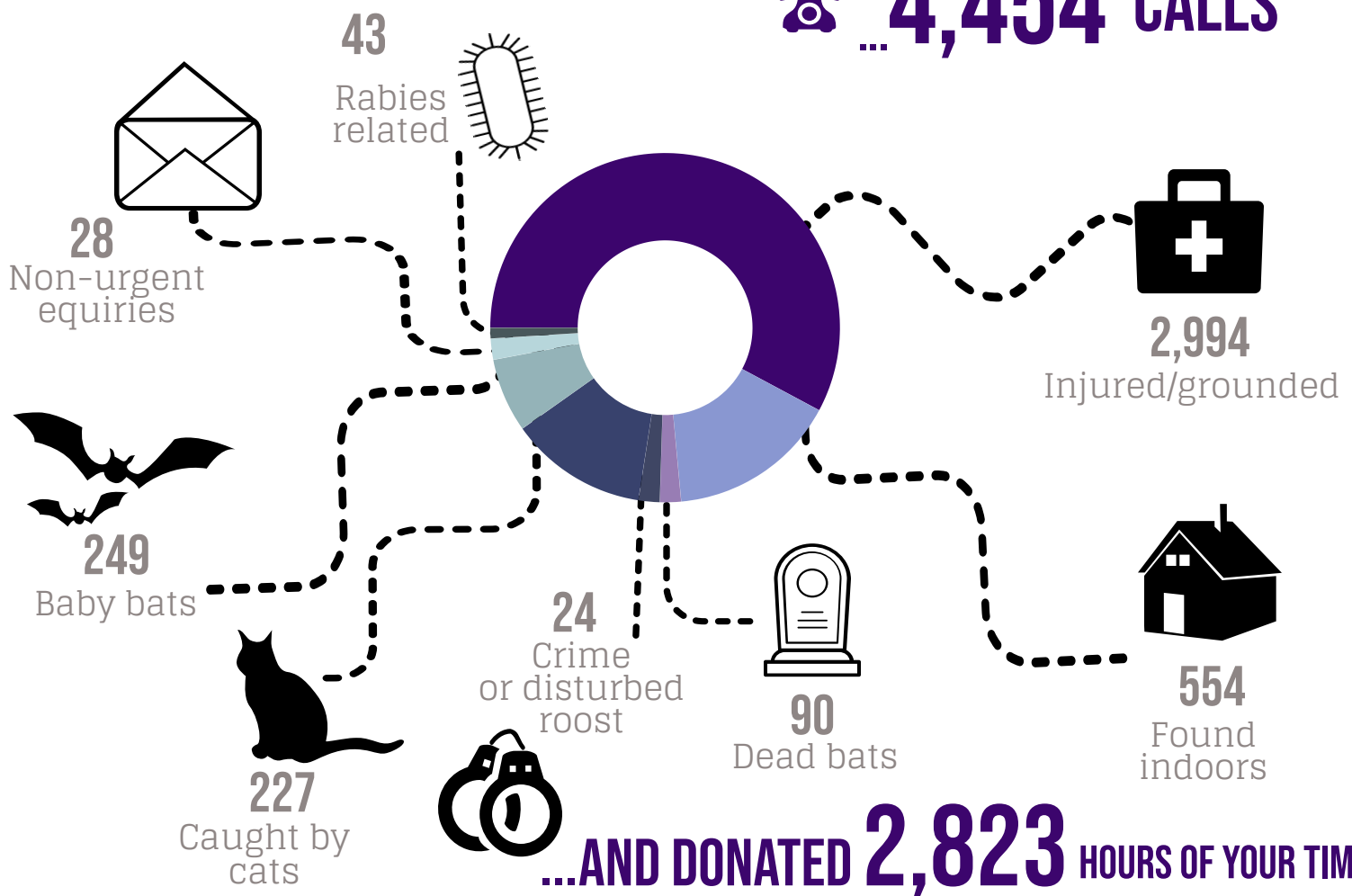
Throughout the summer you have taken thousands of emergency bat calls, here are some of the highlights!

THE STATS

TOGETHER YOU HANDLED...



...4,454 CALLS



...AND DONATED 2,823 HOURS OF YOUR TIME

THE STORIES

YOU ADVISED ON CALLS INCLUDING...



OR

...a bat at the cinema. Finders contained it in an ice-cream tub from the cinema staff, watched the movie then took it to the vets!



...a bat in a records office. The bat was buried in some rolled up old maps!



...a bat found on the bin in a film studio!



...a spin thrifty bat found rummaging through clothes in a charity shop!



...and of course a couple of 'is it a bat or a moth?' calls!



FROM YOUR COORDINATORS...



A BIG THANK YOU!



We want to say a huge thank you to each one of you for the amazing contribution you've made to bat conservation this summer. It's been an exciting year with the expansion of the project into office hours and we really appreciate your role in making it such a success. We are blown away by your commitment and enthusiasm throughout the four months, giving up so much of your spare time for conservation. You've made a real and significant impact, so...thank you from the bats and from us!

It has been a real pleasure to work with you all, and hopefully we can do it all again next year :)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

FROM YOUR BCT BACK UP STAFF...



"The volunteers this year have been amazing! They have taken onboard so much information and have done a brilliant job recording so many calls. The work they have done for us has massively helped not just the BCT helpline staff, but absolutely heaps of bats and bat finders across the UK. We are incredibly grateful!"

"All the volunteers are very conscientious and it was fantastic working with such a dedicated team. I felt that we made a positive impact on bat conservation this summer!"

I think the volunteers are great and am so impressed with their dedication to bat conservation!

"The volunteers I worked with were really dedicated, enthusiastic and went the extra mile to get the right help for the people who had rung the Bat Helpline. I was impressed with their commitment to helping the bats."

"Their passion and commitment towards bat conservation, and the Helpline specifically, plays such a crucial role in allowing this service to succeed. So grateful to every volunteer for how easy they make it to leave the Helpline in their hands. They are a great support and an inspiration!"

"Your contribution to the National Bat Helpline and bat conservation has been enormous and we couldn't do what we do without you. Thanks to you, thousands of bats have been helped and thousands of bat finders will have had a positive experience with a bat. Thank you!"

"The volunteers this year have really gone the extra mile in helping us help bats by taking calls during office hours as well as out-of-hours. They've been so dedicated, enthusiastic and hard-working and I've really enjoyed chatting to each of them. So THANK YOU!"

AND FROM THE PUBLIC...



"Very impressed by the dedication of volunteers to help recover and save these amazing mammals"

"Thank you for assisting us with the little one we found in our home. Keep up the good work."

"... Both the helpline [volunteers] and the volunteer who came out to see the bat were very knowledgeable and helpful. It was fascinating to learn more about bats from her. Very grateful for the help and information they provided."

"Thanks for the quick and helpful assistance over the phone."

"Thanks to the volunteers for the great advice in getting the bat released safely."

WHAT NEXT?

JOIN YOUR LOCAL BAT GROUP...

There are over 80 local bat groups across the UK and you can get involved in everything from community events to surveys. One of the best things about joining a local bat group is learning from some very inspiring bat workers.

FIND OUT MORE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.BATS.ORG.UK/SUPPORT-BATS/BAT-GROUPS](https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/bat-groups)



START YOUR JOURNEY INTO BAT CARE...

As you know, BCT maintains a list of bat carers, ambulance drivers and regional helplines throughout the UK known as the UK Bat Care Network. Thanks to the Network, these bats have the best possible chance of being rehabilitated and released back into the wild.



Bat care volunteering is done on a local basis, generally through bat groups. Carers don't volunteer directly for The Bat Conservation Trust, but by choosing to be listed on the UK Bat Care Network, they can help ensure that people who find grounded or injured bats are referred on to them.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

MORE VOLUNTEERING WITH BCT...



The National Bat Monitoring Programme (NBMP) has been running a number of volunteer-led surveys since 1996, the results of which enable us to track changes in bat populations.

The NBMP includes surveys for all levels of experience, from beginner to expert, and there are opportunities for everyone to help out and learn more about bats."

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KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR BCT EVENTS/TRAINING...

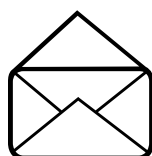
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BECOME A MEMBER OF BCT...

Joining the Bat Conservation Trust is the ideal way to show your support for bats. By becoming a member, you will be directly helping to protect bats and their habitats for future generations to enjoy

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**AND FINALLY PLEASE LET US KNOW
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