

**Survey for Bats, Barn Owls & Breeding Birds,
Orchard Brow Barn at Haile, Egremont, Cumbria.
Supplementary Report following original report in August 2017**



Barn viewed from the southwest

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Introduction

A supplementary bat report has been requested for the planning application in 2023, to check if any changes will affect the previous conclusions of the bat and bird survey carried out on this property in August 2017 by Steve Wake.

The Summary of the first survey was:-

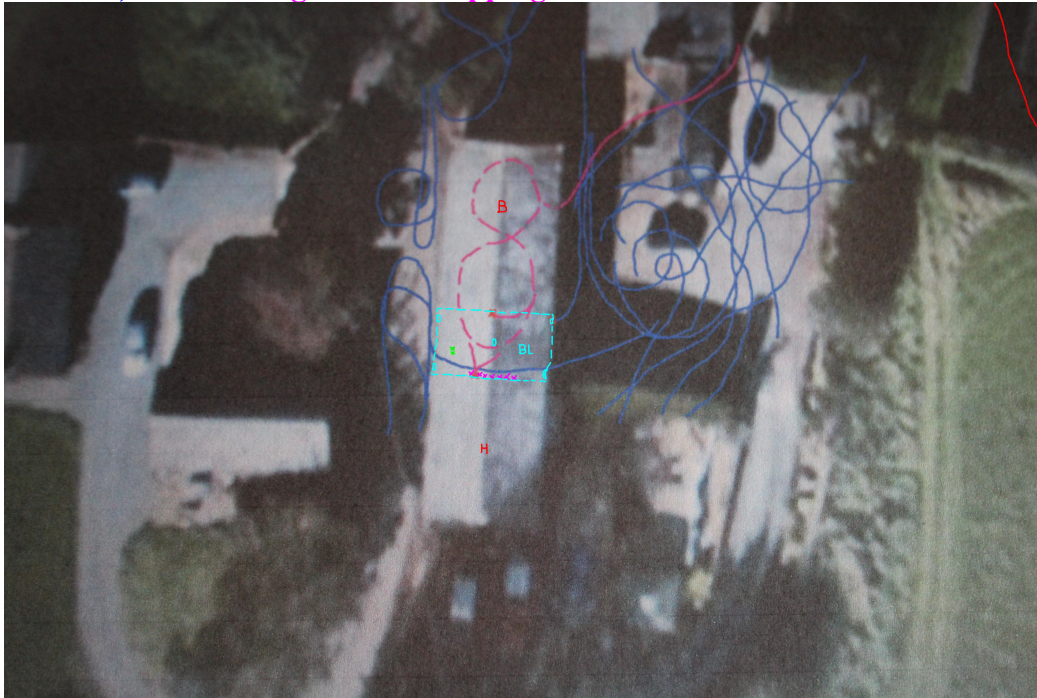
The building had no signs of barn owls, swallow, Brown Long Eared and Pipistrelle bat activity survey was observed with nesting in the roof & bat roosting in the house roof/wall junction & light sampling in barn, a light sampling bat/swallow loft will be retained with new access points created. There is potential for bats to be present in the areas that were inaccessible to the survey, these were, under any gaps in ridge tiles and roof junctions and under slates, behind roof timbers, in wall gaps & within house main roof. Extreme care must be taken when working on these areas and on the roof. Crevices should be checked

with a torch prior to ensure no bats are disturbed or entombed, downward facing exit tubes & flaps will allow any bats to escape, while sloping mortar pointed tubes will allow bats to return to any wall cavities. Bats can be encouraged on site by allowing them access to the building post works, retaining a light sampling bat loft and erecting bat boxes.

If at any point during the works bats are seen or suspected within the building, work must stop and further advice sought!

Provided work is carried out in accordance with this report and supervised by bat ecologist then a European Protected Species Licence should not be required.

Bat activity on 22nd August 2017 & 24th April 2023. H. House. B. Barn. BL Batloft-- Pipistrelle---, Brown Long Eared--droppings XXX. Noctule---. Owl Pellets XX.



Activity Survey Visit

Was carried out on 22nd August 2017, Pipistrelle, Brown Long Eared & Noctule bat activity was noted, see original report.

Supplementary Visit :- Was carried out on 25th April 2023, the interior of the barn contained scaffolding and boards. Old bat droppings were observed on the floor at the base of the party wall with the house and two old owl pellets observed on the scaffold boarding.

Conclusion :- A small number of brown long eared bats still occupy the top of the party wall with the house and probably light sample in the barn, an owl has roosted during the day on a single occasion in the barn.

Mitigation strategy :- None required for barn owls. A light sampling roof space (bat loft) to be retained in the centre of the house for the Brown Long eared bats, created at the start of the work at the best time of the bat year, also for swallow nesting, access via ridge ,slate & wall openings. Loft to have an internal access for ecologist (clearly signed as a bat loft for ecologist access only) for cleaning and monitoring.

Steve Wake
Bat Surveyor
July 2023

PHOTOGRAPHS

Old owl pellet on scaffold boards.



View from the north with bat & swallow access



View from the east with bat loft & access position

