



A Happy Marriage between Development & Wildlife

In 2014, E3 undertook surveys of a range of traditional barns at Healey, Northumberland, prior to a planning application for conversion to a wedding venue.

The barns were being used by a range of bat species including common and soprano pipistrelle. E3 helped the site owner to successfully achieve a Natural England licence, to allow the development to proceed, and in October 2014 roofs were carefully removed under ecological supervision.

Conversion work was undertaken sympathetically and in keeping with the buildings' character, with numerous crevices retained for bat use on external walls and a beautiful party venue created internally and within the enclosed courtyard.

It just shows that bats can go hand in hand with a successful conversion, hopefully leading to a long and successful partnership!

