

Doing something useful - make a Bat Box !



When the bats locally come out of their winter hibernation, having somewhere dry and sheltered to live and breed would be a great help to them. The "Bat Friendly Beer" initiative encourages us all to get out there and do something to help the bats. And, by the way, the Bat Conservation Trust states "There are no known zoonotic (harmful to humans) coronaviruses found in UK bats".

So here's an idea that Beer Men's Shed has put together - a wooden bat box that any self-respecting pipistrelle bat could call "home". We make them out of half-inch/12mm larch, which weathers really well, but you can make it out of any wood that you've got tucked away. It's simple to make: you can get by with just a saw, a drill and a screwdriver. Below are a picture of what it looks like and a plan for how to make one.

Now that fellers in the village have a bit of spare time, it's a worthwhile project to have a go at. If you have any questions about making one, just email

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If you'd prefer to buy one, rather than make one, and help Beer Men's Shed at the same time, for a donation of £10 to Beer Men's Shed you can get one bat box for free!
What an offer!

