



Public Bat Walk! - Free

Have you ever seen a bat flying and wondered what it is doing and how it can find its way around so effortlessly in the dark? Well, now is your chance to find out!

Bats navigate and hunt by emitting high-frequency sounds and listening to echoes, similar to how whales move around our oceans. There are 18 species of bat in the UK, at least 6 of which occur in and around Dumbleton village. These are legally protected and several of them are rare both locally and nationally... and they all sound different once you have the ability to eavesdrop on their ultrasonic world.

This free public event will involve a gentle walk around the village using ultrasonic detectors to pick up the weird and wonderful hidden world of bat communication.

Date: Saturday 29 April OR Sunday 30 April

we will decide which day is better based on the weather forecast close to the time
Sat 29 April is the preferred option, with Sun 30 April as a backup.

Time: 8:15 pm lasting approximately 1hr to 1.5hr

Meeting location: Outside the Village Hall, Dairy Lane, Dumbleton

Leader: Professor Anne Goodenough, Professor of Applied Ecology at the University of Gloucestershire, and representing Dumbleton Conservation Society

Suitability: Suitable for anyone able to walk around the village (1-1.5 miles total) at a slow pace interspersed with periods of standing. All ages are welcome, inc. children accompanied by an adult.

What do I need to bring? Please bring a torch and make sure you have suitable footwear – we'll spend time in the grassy areas near the cricket ground and Dumbleton Hall.

All equipment + training provided, no experience necessary!

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE: please email peterst1607@gmail.com; we will confirm 48 hr before, via the email address you use to book, whether the event will take place Sat 29 or Sun 30 April.