Castlemorton Environmental Group

Bat Monitoring at the Parish Hall 2025 Update

Castlemorton Parish Hall is home to a large summer roost of pipistrelle bats which has been surveyed at various times over the years. A maximum count of no less than 448 was recorded back in 2011.

In 2022 we started monthly counts to establish a base line for ongoing monitoring and have continued since. The trend shows a robust population with some suggestion numbers may be decreasing and may be affected by the increasing vagaries of our weather. The results are below.

We carry out monthly evening emergence counts of bats coming out of the building at both ends. Counting is carried out starting about 15 minutes before dusk and lasts for about an hour. We have two or more people and a bat listening device at each end of the hall to perform the count.

We aim to do each count on a fairly calm and dry evening.

No specialist knowledge or training is needed. All ages welcome.

If you would like to join in and help carry out the count one evening please email Don donandsuelupton@gmail.com

