

BATS

Results of bat watch carried out on June 23, using bat detectors:

There were three sightings / locations of pipistrelles:

- One seen / heard back and forth along the tree-lined farm margin by cow barn and paddock (type of pipistrelle not identified)
- One heard in wildlife garden and seen flying back and forth over riverside gardens and vegetable beds (type of pipistrelle not identified)
- One (or more?) over foreshore. This sighting was the most constant, and heard flying back and forth under the same area of riverwall and over the low tide foreshore near the farm's southern gate for at least 10-15 minutes. This was identified as most likely to be a Soprano Pipistrelle, as its echolocation was stronger at 55 kHz than at 46 kHz.

No bats were found in the two bat boxes outside the River Room earlier that day, and none were seen emerging from farm buildings at dusk, though it was impossible to watch all areas at all times!