

Bat Detector Workshop

6:30pm until late, Saturday 25th April
at the Westbury Quarry, Nr Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells.

This workshop, delivered by Edward Wells, is aimed at people who want to improve their skills at identifying bat calls using heterodyne bat detectors. Edward is one of the founder members of the Somerset Bat Group and is very experienced in his field. The workshop is suitable for people who have very little experience of bat detectors but who are keen to learn more, but it would also be of interest to those with more experience who would like to compare notes and find out about the Mendip Hills Big Bat Survey. The evening will cover:

- Introduction to bats and echolocation
- "Using your ears" (a presentation from the Bat Conservation Trust aimed at helping learn how to listen to bats. It is geared towards the Soprano and Common Pipistrelles, Serotine, Noctule and Daubentons)
- Listening to other bat species and using different types of bat detectors
- Getting involved in the National Bat Monitoring Programme run by the Bat Conservation Trust
- Getting involved in the Mendip Hills Living Landscape Project Big Bat Survey (using frequency division bat detectors and recorders).
- Questions
- Outside session to put the detectors into practice

The workshop is free of charge and there is a follow-up bat survey planned for 14th August 2009. If you do not have a bat detector there will be some available to borrow for the evening, please mention that you would like one when you book. Places are limited so please book quickly: catharine.shellswell@somersetwildlife.org