

Breathable membranes

Serotines caught i breathable membrane . Photo by Colin Morris Vincent Wildlife Trust

Regular readers of the newsletter will know that we have written about breathable roof membranes on several occasions

<http://www.bedsbatgroup.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/15breathable-membranes.pdf>

<http://www.bedsbatgroup.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/13Bats-and-BBM.pdf>

The work on them had been spearheaded by Stacy Waring wh di her engineering PhD o them. She has since raised money through crowd funding to support further work.

This month saw a very pleasing outcome. Natural England have forbidden their use in roofs known to have a bat roost and English Heritage is also modifying its policy. There are copies of the letter on the website(<http://www.bedsbatgroup.org.uk/wordpress/?p=10135>)

Photo Stacy Waring



Bedfordshire Wildlife Rescue

It's not just the Bat Group who cares for ground bats. This pipistrelle was collected by the RSPCA and taken to Sam Bedford at Bedfordshire Wildlife Rescue. He had something caught on his right wing. (You can see a hair like substance o his right wing)wing which meant he could not open it properly, but once removed her was fine and was liberated shortly afterwards/

I showed Stacey the photo and she said it could be breathable roof membrane adn she asked whether the material had to be cut from the wing or if it just pulled away. Sam confirmedthat it needed cutting but said that she had not kept the cut material (who would have)?and so I wasn't able to take up Stacey's kind offer to look at it under the microscope for us

Photos Sam Bedford

