






The Perth City Bat Project

2009

The Perth City Bat Project involved volunteers in bat surveys over the summer of 2009. The project was funded by SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund. The aims of the project were to:

-  Increase awareness of bats and bat conservation.
-  Collect records of bats in Perth.
-  Engage volunteers in surveys for bats.

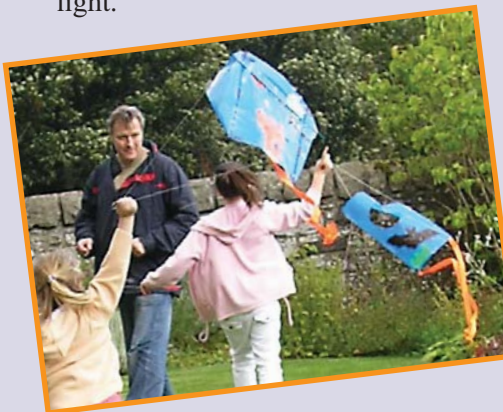
This project helped fulfil some of the aims of the Species Action Plans for bats and the Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan.

What did we do?

Postcard fliers went out to households in Perth inviting volunteers to take part in the project. Simple surveys could be carried out by watching for bats and sending records to the Perth and Kinross Council website 'bat page'. More adventurous volunteers were given free training and loaned equipment. They then carried out surveys using bat detectors.



Fun activities at Perth Library at Huntingtower helped increase awareness of bats and show bats in a more positive light.



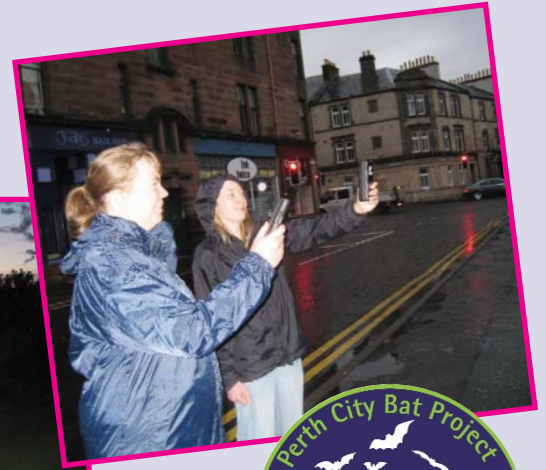
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Media coverage of the project included articles in local papers, on the BBC news website, on Scottish TV and on BBC Radio Scotland "Out of Doors" programme.

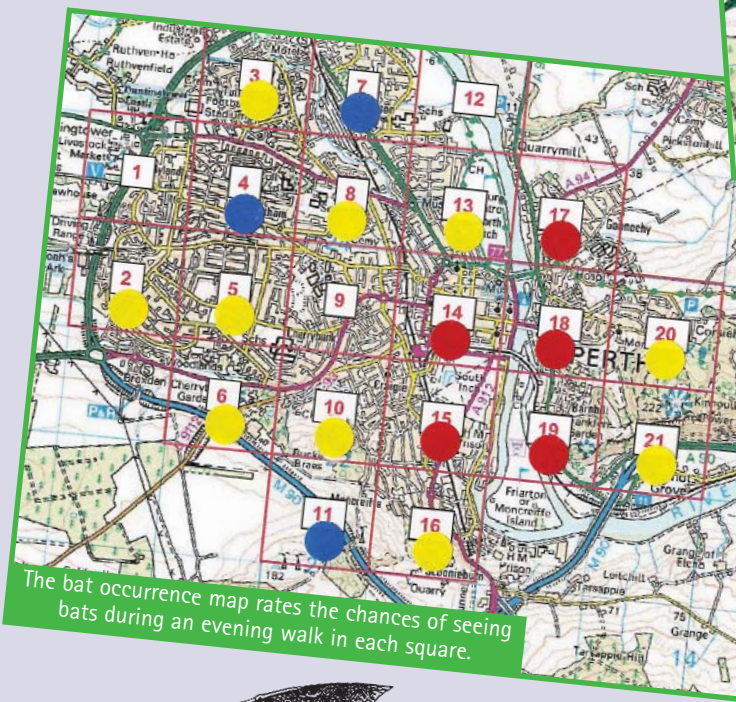
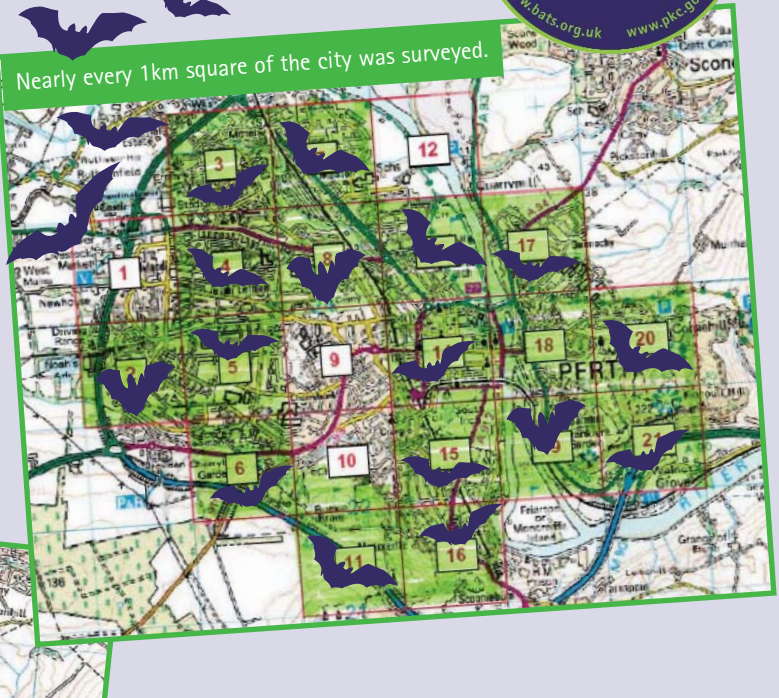


Around 30 volunteers gave nearly 600 hours towards the project.

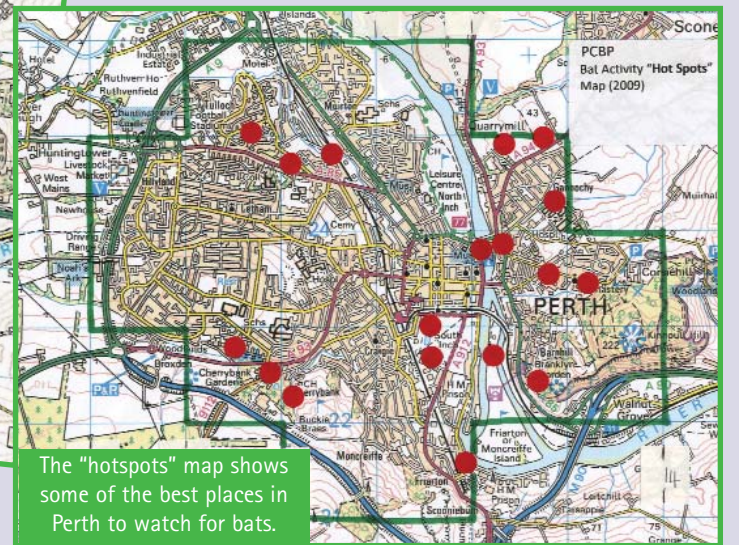


Bats were detected in every square that had a survey.
That makes Perth, perth-fectly Batty!

The survey squares were rated for **HIGH (red)**, **MEDIUM (yellow)** or **LOW (blue)** bat occurrence based on how many survey points within each square had bats.



The bat occurrence map rates the chances of seeing bats during an evening walk in each square.



The "hotspots" map shows some of the best places in Perth to watch for bats.



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Get involved in bat surveys

If you would like to get involved in bat surveys in future see www.bats.org.uk to find out more. To find out more about the Perth City Bat project contact the Scottish Bat Officer ayoungman@bats.org.uk