

From: Village Concerns villageconcerns2016@gmail.com 
Subject: Draft Update 44/Great Crested Newt and Bat Survey
Date: 20 February 2018 at 13:12
To: Village Concerns villageconcerns2016@gmail.com
Bcc:



As part of our continuing work to try and protect the wildlife and habitats in our Parish we are trying to focus on gathering information on those species that can be particularly helpful in influencing planning applications. We would like to record any sightings of Great Crested Newts (GCNs) and Bats. The GCNs are most likely to still be hunkering down for their winter break but will emerge in the Spring to return to their breeding ponds. If you spot any or notice their eggs in ponds then please leave them undisturbed and let us know the date and location. GCNs lay their eggs singly and they are usually attached to the underside of a leaf in the pond. Take a photograph if possible. Once you have spotted them you need to back off and leave them alone.

There are bats all over the Parish but we would like to create a log of where they are spotted and more importantly where they roost. We would like to establish a group of people who are willing to begin this process of recording what we have and then create a plan to protect them. A bat detector is being obtained that will enable the individual species to be identified and the Sussex Bat Group has been contacted to ask for advice and to establish the protocols for carrying out a survey.

Please contact Jonathan Walker (jonathan.walker42@icloud.com) if you would like to be part of the Bat Group and with any sightings of GCNs.



