



## Bats and their roosts are protected by both national and European legislation

Seven species of bat are listed as UK Priority Species of which three are found in the park. Whilst many people know very little about bats they're an important part of the ecology of Lee Valley Regional Park often seen flying along waterways, hedgerows and in woodlands.

Basic requirements are common to all bat species. They involve the need for breeding roosts, places to hibernate, suitable feeding habitats and connecting flyways. The park deals with bats in a collective Action Plan and works with groups currently concerned with the conservation of bats.

Adopting this iconic species group could help with the following specific actions or projects for this species:

- Creation of bat roosts and nurseries in artificial habitats
- Habitat work to benefit particular species
- Putting up bat boxes in woodlands

The key actions for this species your support could go towards are:

- Increasing the understanding of the distribution and habits of individual bat species in the Lee Valley
- To identify and protect key sites in the Lee Valley through appropriate management of bat roosts, commuting routes and key feeding areas
- To raise awareness of bats and promote their conservation with those people working within the Lee Valley