
BADGERS



Disturbance of badgers currently occupying an active sett is unlawful, and badgers could be disturbed by work near the sett even if there is no direct interference or damage to the sett. Badger tunnels typically extend up to 20m from the sett entrance therefore construction, land management, tree felling and planting, as well as fencing within 20m is likely to be considered licensable works by Natural England.

Licenses may be available to permit otherwise unlawful activities. A licence is not required to carry out surveys for badgers; however Natural England may issue licenses for '*conservation, scientific or educational purposes*'. Natural England may also issue site-specific licenses for the purposes of '*preserving public health or safety*' and '*development*', following an impact assessment and possibly mitigation to off-set any negative impacts on the badgers.

Our Ecologists can provide:

- ✓ Site surveys and assessment
- ✓ Sett classification and territory definition
- ✓ Mitigation and compensation strategy and implementation
- ✓ Impact assessment
- ✓ Consultation with stakeholders and interested parties
- ✓ Monitoring of sett use and mitigation success
- ✓ Natural England Class licence applications
- ✓ Report production to support planning applications and Environmental Statements



Our Ecologists have extensive experience and knowledge of protected species and the planning system and hold the necessary Natural England Class licences.

They are also members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and the Royal Society of Biology and abide by their codes of professional conduct. By consulting with us at the early stages of your project, we are able to identify potential constraints and assist in resolving any potential conflicts between development and protected species.

Please refer to our survey calendar for optimal time periods for surveys. However, if the timing falls out of the survey period please get in touch, as surveys and inspections could possibly still be carried out in a bid not to hold up development.



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