



Guernsey Bat Group

Part of La Société

Would you like a bat box on your property?

Following a generous donation from Islands Insurance, La Société Bat Section is looking for good sites to mount bat boxes. With this in mind, we invite La Société members to suggest sites on their *own* land where they would be willing to mount one or two bat boxes, perhaps on a tree, building or other structure.

If your site is chosen, we will supply and pay for the bat box (worth £50 - £120) and can help organise its mounting. We can also help with some of the costs of mounting - we only ask that each recipient contribute what they can afford.

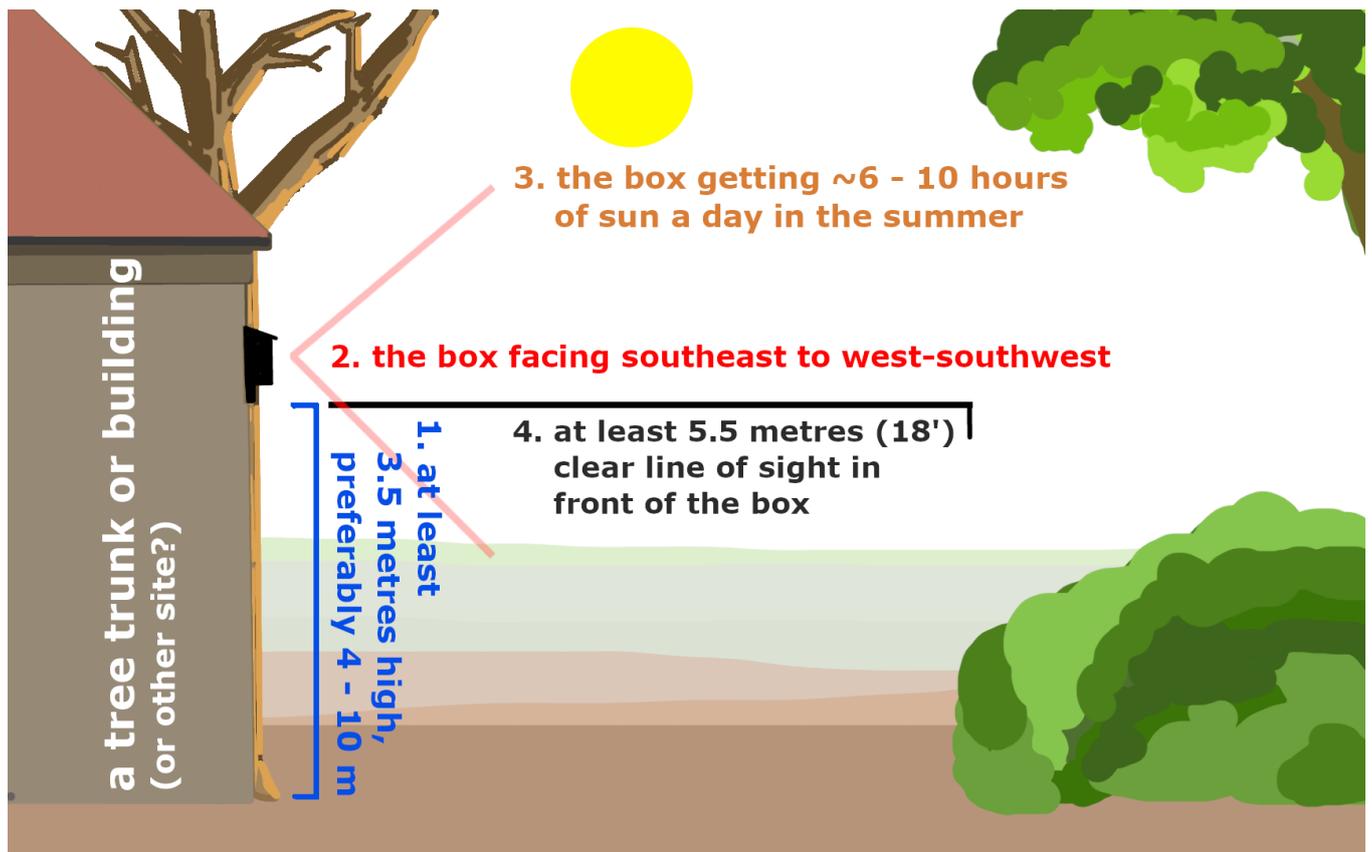
Each recipient will accept responsibility for the maintenance and safety of their box.

Preferably apply before January 2023. Note that trees should be photographed with their leaves on, i.e. before about October for deciduous trees.

If your suggested site is not initially selected, we might still contact you at a later date when we have a more suitable box.

To begin, have a look at the site requirements on the next page.

Site requirements – please read carefully



In addition to the above four criteria..

5. **The site must not be illuminated by artificial light**, e.g. street lamps, security lights, house illuminations.
6. **On a tree, the box should not be much shaded by leaves in the summer.** This is the main problem with trees. Pine trees can be good.
7. **The location should not be very urban, be surrounded by houses, or be next to a busy main road.**
8. **If facing onto a road, there should be no buildings opposite on the other side of the road.** A field or other natural feature is okay.
9. **The box should not be right next to a much-used window.**
10. **On a building, a ladder or cherry picker must be able to reach the site so that the box can be mounted.**
11. Sites that are close to a **large pond, reservoir, wetlands, woodland, wooded valley** or **nature reserve**, will receive special consideration.

- See the **Examples** on the last page -

If your site meets the requirements on the previous page, **please email the information and photos requested on this page to SocieteBats1@outlook.com**. If you want, you can write your responses in the docx version of this document and insert the photos into the last page.

1. Your name:

Email:

Telephone number (optional but preferred):

Site address (house, street, parish):

If possible, **tell us the precise location**. You can use [What 3 Words UK](https://www.what3words.com/), or send us a link to [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/@..) (select “Layers” at bottom, click the site on the map, click on the GPS coordinates that appear at the bottom, then send us the URL in the address bar, e.g.. <https://www.google.com/maps/@..>), or use another method. You can reply here:

2. Describe where the box/es would hang or be mounted. On a building, tell us what material the box would be mounted on, e.g. “the gable end into brick”; “trunk of the middle pine tree”. You can reply here:

3. Send us two photos: one taken *from the proposed position of the box (or beneath it) looking outwards in the direction the box would face*; the other *looking at the position of the proposed box from 8 – 25 metres away, preferably taken from the direction that the box would face*.

If possible, tell us what direction the camera was facing, e.g. “facing NNE.jpg”.

Try to photograph any *trees with their leaves on*.

If you know how, you can insert the two photos into the last page of this document.

4. In what directions could the box face? E.g. “south” or “southeast to southwest”:

5. At what height would or could the top of the box be at?

E.g.: “3.5 – 9 m”, “about 5 m”:

6. Tell us more (optional): we would be interested to hear if the site is near to a **large pond, reservoir, wetlands, nature reserve**, or close to a **German occupation tunnel** (say which ones). Also if the site is near to a **meadow** (a field usually left uncut until mid July), or if it is in a **wooded valley** or by a **wood**. Or any other comments:

7. Is the proposed site the *front* of a listed building?

Examples:

Buildings can make excellent sites. Just under the eaves is a good place. The gable side of a chimney stack can also work. Bats prefer to be near to the corner of a building wall or near to a gable apex.

An old greenhouse chimney stack might make a good site.

A tree trunk should be tall and sunny. Pines are the trees that most often meet this requirement.



This sunny gable end of an outbuilding in a rural location is good site for a bat box.



This tall and sunny pine tree in a rural location, close to a large body of fresh water, is a very good site for a bat box.



This shady tree is **not** a very suitable site for a bat box.

We cannot guarantee that we will reply to every suggestion.

We reserve the right to decline to contribute to the costs of mounting the box, but will discuss it with you before making a decision.

The respondent gives La Société Bat Section permission to contact them on matters relating to a La Société Bat Section bat box sponsorship schemes.

For queries on this scheme, please get in touch with Laura at SocieteBats1@outlook.com (for other queries, the normal Bat Section email is Bats@Societe.org.gg).

