

BAT HOUSE, MORGAN SINDALL



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

Morgan Sindall Main Contracts in Poole were appointed to construct a new retirement village on the site of an abandoned naval training establishment in Corsham, Wiltshire. As part of the works, the Yeovil Special Works team constructed 2 bat houses.

The team demolished 2 prefabricated post war buildings and cleared the overgrown plants and trees. Two new bat houses were then built on top of the old nuclear bunkers.

Two types of bat houses were constructed, one wet, which includes a basement full of water to maintain a humid environment and one dry. These houses support a large colony of bats.

The materials used to construct the buildings included imperial bricks, cedar cladding and a slate roof, with advice sought from qualified ecologists.

These homes will provide protection for the bats against resident badgers.

In addition to the bat houses the site has installed owl boxes, created wild flower areas, ponds and a miniature nature “reserve” which is an area left to go wild that encompasses a fallen tree to attract insects that will support the bats and other wildlife. The new development also has green roofs which will extend the green area across the whole development and ensure there is a wildlife corridor across the whole site.

As a result of all this work the new retirement village of 220 developments will have a wildlife facility on their doorstep.

Fact box

Company name:
Morgan Sindall

Project name:
Bat House

Location:
Royal Arthur Park, Corsham

Biodiversity enhancement:

- Bat houses
- Owl boxes
- Wildflower areas and ponds
- Miniature nature “reserve”
- Green roof

Size:
2 bat houses

Cost:
£208k
£110k newt fencing

Tips:
N/A

Year completed:
2014

Categories:

- Large scale permanent
- Small scale permanent
- Community engagement