



## Waterford Bats in Churches Survey, 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2012

As part of the Waterford Bats in Churches Survey, which is a collaboration between the Mammals in a Sustainable Environment (MISE) Project and Bat Conservation Ireland, MISE are organising a survey of bat roosts in churches on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

We will meet at 12pm at The Moorings Bar in Dungarvan for a series of short talks on bat projects, including this survey, conservation work being carried out on lesser horseshoe bats in the west of Ireland by the Vincent Wildlife Trust and a bat radio-tracking project carried out by the Snowdonia Mammal Group in north Wales. This will be followed by site visits by volunteers and bat experts to churches in Co. Waterford where potential bat roosts have been identified, to examine whether bats are actually present in these buildings.

After dinner, we will return to a small number of church bat roosts to identify the species of bats present as they emerge at dusk. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to watch harp trapping of bats (under licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service) by trained bat specialists. This event will end at approximately at 11pm (i.e. late!).

This event is free, but places will be limited to twenty and **booking is essential**. Please contact Andrew Harrington, MISE Project Officer, Waterford County Council at [aharrington@waterfordcoco.ie](mailto:aharrington@waterfordcoco.ie) or 086-4135544 for queries and bookings.

For more information about MISE and BC Ireland, please visit our websites [www.miseproject.ie](http://www.miseproject.ie) and [www.batconservationireland.org](http://www.batconservationireland.org) or visit our respective Facebook pages. MISE is a project funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the Ireland-Wales Programme 2007-2013 (INTERREG IVA).



Soprano pipistrelle (Photo: Phil Richardson).

