

.Bat Walk 1st May 2026 "An Evening bat Walk along the Rivelin"



At dusk on the 1st May a gathering took place in Rails Road Car Park. Passing cars may have wondered what was going on. Why had over 30 people gathered in the gloom? It was on the promise of a guided bat walk down the Rivelin. Bob Croxton, a local bat expert, led this as he had for the last time RVCG had a bat walk back in 1990. After a quick summary of the types of bats found in the locality bat detectors were turned on and we were off. As it was over 10°C still (bats tend not to fly in the cold) we did not have long to wait to see some bats. First spotted were some pipistrelles flying between the trees. Then, with the aid of powerful torches, we were able to see some Daubenton Bats skimming over the water catching insects. Further bats were spotted flying by the Pack horse bridge. All amazingly agile and of course completely silent (unless you had a detector to hear their ultrasonic clicks).

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