

## Day 1 Schedule

### LTOA Basic Bat Awareness Training Day:

Leading to: A Certificate in Basic Bat Awareness - Scoping BS 8596 (Non-Specialist) Surveys Trees and Woodlands.

**Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

*Please aim to arrive by 9:30 – 9:45 am so that we can have coffee and introductions, ready for a prompt 10 am start.*

Introductions: 10:00 – 10:15

Overview of the day and an opportunity for course leaders and participants to get to know one another.

Session 1: 10:15 – 10:45

British bat species, bat ecology, and how they use trees -an Introduction (SM)

Session 2: 10:45 – 11:15

(DM)

Brief overview of relevant legislation. BS 8596:2015 guidance on scoping (non-specialist) surveying for roosts in trees and woodland.

**Assessment 1** (A short paper-based exercise completed with the help of David and Sue over coffee)

*11:15- 11:30: Q & A – Coffee/comfort break (15 mins)*

Session 3: 11:30 – 12:30

11:30 – 12:30 What to look for in a tree

Types of PRF (Decay, Damage, association), PRF heights, General roost preferences of different bat species (SM)

**Assessment Exercise 2** with the help of David and Sue

*12:30 – 13:15 – Lunch (45 minutes)*

Session 4: 13:15 – 13:45

PRF investigation methods; ground based binoculars and torches only. Use of survey and PRF forms. (DM & SM)

Session 5: 13:45- 15:45

Bat roost practical in Cherry Tree Wood; scoping principles, identification of PRF's, marking and recording of trees, LED torches and binoculars, (what can be done safely, what should be recorded and how), including completing Woodland PRF forms (DM & SM)

*15:45– 16:00: Q & A coffee/comfort break*

Session 6 16:00 – 16:30

Collection of completed Woodland survey forms.

**Assessment Exercise 3** (Short exercise completed working with David & Sue)  
*Information distribution, additional Q & A, and depart*

*Please note: completed assessment forms leading to certification will be retained as a record by the trainers with copies available on request after the day.*