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Three Species of Bats at Stonebridge

On Friday 20 September 31 members of the public attended a free 'Batty Bat Night' organised by ARK.

Led by James Shipman (Berkshire Bat Conservation Trust Chairman) walkers experienced several good sightings of bats and the opportunity to listen to bat detectors which picked up three different species - Daubenton's, Soprano Pipistrelle and Noctule.

At the end of the evening a young Pipistrelle bat that James had been caring for was seen close up before being taken to another location for release.

Following on from the success of this event another bat evening is planned for Spring/Summer next year and will be advertised on www.riverkennet.org.

The walk also gave those attending a chance to see ARK's ongoing restoration work both in the river and meadow.

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Photo Captions: Young Pipistrelle Bat - a great chance for everyone to see how small these mammals are.



Image from anna@riverkennet.org

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Note to editors:

Stonebridge Meadow is part of the Stonebridge Wild River Reserve - a joint project between Action for the River Kennet (www.riverkennet.org) and Marlborough Town Council (www.marlboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk).