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## **BAT SURVEY REPORT**

**Survey requested by:** Initiated by ourselves after discussion with Mrs J. Williams and Rebecca Steggles.

**on:** 9/6/14

**Reason for survey request:**

**Location:** The Farmhouse, Old Town Road, Old Town, St Mary's

**Grid Reference:** SV 915 103

**Date:** 9/6/14      **Time:** 13.30-13.50

**Weather conditions:** Sunny, dry, 17°C, Wind SW F3-4

**Description of building surveyed:** Granite house with slate roof, all in good condition. Surrounds are paved or concrete and clear of debris. The proposal is to build an extension joining two parts of the building on the east side. As far as this survey is concerned, the main features to be examined were the slate roof at north end of the building, where a skylight is to be inserted and the porches and windows of the garden section which will be closed in by the new extension.

**Observations:** There are no gaps in the slate tiles for bats to enter where the skylight is to be fitted. There are several gaps around the two porch roofs that will be removed during the work. Cobwebs in this area suggest no usage by bats. There are no gaps in the wall where the 'log store' will go. There were no droppings on the ground beneath the porches or windows, on window sills, in the area to be infilled or on the ground around the door on the house front, where a new porch is to be erected.

**Conclusion/recommendation:** There are no signs of bat presence but the small gaps around the porches in the garden area leave open the possibility that they

could be used by bats. *Care should therefore be taken during the work in dismantling the porches in case bats had gained entry by some means that we could not detect. If any bats should be discovered during the work, they must not be handled: work must stop immediately and advice sought from local bat wardens in the first instance (Mike & Anne Gurr, 422224 or Rebecca Steggles, 424315) or, if none is available, The Bat Conservation Trust's National Bat Helpline on 0845 1300 228. The BCT's adviser for the South West Region is David Jackson.*

**Other remarks:**

**Survey completed by\*:** E.A. & M.I.Gurr

**Copies to:** Mr & Mrs Williams, Applicants  
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