

## What do bats need?

Different species of bat live in different places but they all need three things in their locality:

Bats often return to the same place year after year to roost for a while, but changes to the environment, or even unusual weather, sometimes force them to go somewhere different, so they need to have lots of places to choose from.



### Food

Plenty of food to give them energy – in the UK, this means lots of insects



### Roost/shelter

A big choice of places to roost or shelter, usually somewhere warm in summer but cool in winter



### Links

Good links like hedges, lines of trees or rivers to help them travel safely between feeding places and their roosts

## Through a bat's eyes



Look at your garden or school grounds through the eyes of a bat and make a sketch map of what is already there, remembering the three things bats need:

- Lots of insects for food
- A number of different places to roost
- Good links *(look beyond your school or garden to see these)*

Think about the following questions:

- Where would you choose to roost?
- What insects can you find to eat?
- What can you do to protect what is there already?
- How could it be improved?