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Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
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Report Title	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Bat Survey Results and Potential Community Engagement
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Covering Note
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust has shared the results of acoustic bat surveys undertaken across the Swindon Corridor between 23 and 30 June 2026. The whole report is attached.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust commissioned earlier this year with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The surveys identified **11 bat species across the wider corridor**, including species of conservation concern such as Barbastelle, Leisler's bat and Serotine. Notably, Mouldon Hill Country Park recorded the highest activity, with 9,049 bat passes, while Tadpole Lane recorded 1,373 passes across nine identified species.

The findings highlight the importance of local green spaces and wildlife corridors in supporting bat populations.

Following receipt of the report, it is proposed that the Council publicises the findings to raise awareness of local biodiversity and explores opportunities to organise further community Bat Walks, allowing residents to learn more about local wildlife.

Next Steps:
- Consider how and when to publicise the survey findings.
- Explore opportunities to arrange further guided Bat Walks in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.
- Identify suitable locations, dates and potential partners to support community engagement.