to human interference. The dormouse, if present, will collect its own nesting material, which consists of shredded bark and dry grasses. The boxes, of course, can be used by other animals, such as treecreepers or woodmice.

At the recent Mammal Society Symposium held at the London Zoo (Mammals as Pests), I informed Dr Pat Morris and Paul Bright about the Rievaulx project. They were delighted with progress so far, and hope in the early spring to provide the Yorkshire Mammal Group with a further 50 boxes, funded by a national dormouse box scheme. Paul Bright told me that so far all boxes have been placed in the south of England, and this was the furthest north that any one scheme had been established. The dormouse, in Yorkshire, is on its northern range. It may have disappeared altogether from this area, but this is one way of finding out. Lets hope we succeed.

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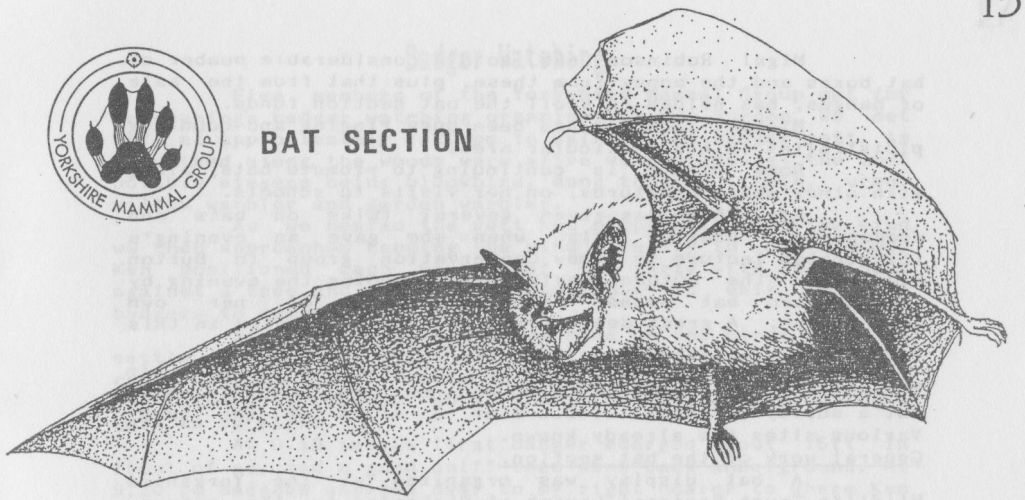

BAT SECTION

Bat Section Report

This is quite a brief Bat Section report as the final records for the summer are not yet available.

Dr Bob Stebbings' Pipistrelle Ringing project has been brought to a close this year but the results and report have not yet been completed. A copy will be sent to the YMG when it is ready.

NCC Work

There have been far fewer problems from householders as a result of all the good publicity which has been given. There have probably been more roof surveys than previously because of the greater awareness now of timber treatment firms concerning bats. Lesley Helliwell has carried out the majority of these surveys. A large number of injured and orphaned baby bats were found this summer. Many young bats were left behind at roost sites when the colonies moved owing to changeable weather conditions. Some of these inevitably died, while others have remained in captivity. Altogether we received approximately 300 calls from N.C.C., some concerning bats found injured or orphaned. These were all dealt with in addition to the regular ringing and counting of bats in the Pipistrelle Survey.

Work carried out by individual section members.

Lesley Helliwell organised a survey of village churches in the vicinity of York which bat section members were asked to carry out. She is still awaiting the results of this from members. Lesley has also been selling a quantity of bat and other animal badges. 50 of these were taken to the National Bat Conference and were all sold within half an hour of the shop opening! She has also visited the B.B.C.2 Natural History Unit in Bristol to help in the making of a film about sound in connection with animals, and took a live noctule bat with her. Much work has also been done by her in the Kirkbymoorside area where she has found 50 roost sites- pipistrelles *Pipistrellus pipistrellus*, brown long-eared *Plecotus auritus* and Daubenton's *Myotis daubentoni*- and has had sightings of noctules *Nyctalus noctula* there. She has also visited the Windy Pits, going into six and finding droppings in two of unknown species.