

News from BatLife Europe

Bat of the Year 2026 -2027

We are looking for a successor for the Greater Mouse-eared Bat as “Bat of the Year” for the next period, 2026-2027!

Shortlist

As in previous years, a shortlist has been drawn up by our Board of Trustees, who, after much discussion, selected the following three species:

- Northern Bat (*Eptesicus nilssonii*)
- Schreibers’ Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus schreibersii*)
- Leisler’s Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*).

Voting

Voting will be closed at the end of August. Each BLE partner is allowed to collect votes within their organisation in whatever way they like – be it via a public vote or internal choice. You have about two months to choose the favourite of your organisation!

Each partner has one vote, which can be cast via the link below.

Please note, this link is only for submitting your overall choice, and should not be shared publicly:

<https://forms.gle/GyUGLCT8odzmcZeB8>

Partner Invoice Payments

Many thanks to all partners who have paid the latest invoice for the 2025 Partner Fees. We’ll be sending reminders soon to those who haven’t yet paid. If any partner is unable to pay for reasons of low budget etc., please do let us know so we can offer assistance.

Online Partner Meeting – Late 2025

BatLife Europe will be organising an online partner meeting later this year. We will send a date picker poll in a future update, to gauge which date will be best for partners.

Webinars

All our past webinars are available on our [Webinars](#) page, including the recent talk from Emma Boston on the Leisler’s bat.

Action: If anyone is willing to give a talk on a bat themed subject later this year, please do get in touch.

BLE Website

New EBRs Page

At the request of one of our partner organisations, we have created a new page hosting information about the [European Bat Research Symposium](#). We’d like to ask for your assistance to fully furnish this page with links to previous symposia and abstracts.

Action: Please do get in touch if you’re able to assist us find links to websites with information about EBRs symposia and/or abstracts.

New Partner Resources Page

We created a new page for [partner resources](#) including an archive of the partner updates from the past year.

Partners Information Page

Please can partners check the [partner page](#) of the BatLife Europe website, and let us know if any of the details for your organisation need amending? Please send any updates / amendments to batlifeeurope@bats.org.uk.

