

This may be of use to you if you find a bat in your house.

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At the beginning of August I had a 'phone call from a startled Elizabeth Wheeler who lives in West End. She had been joined in the shower room by a flying bat in the late afternoon. It landed on the floor of the shower where she left it while 'phoning me. She thought that it may have come from the loft as the trap door had come open while she was in the shower room, although she had no idea that the loft was being used as a roost. After she had gathered her courage, she followed the Bat Conservation Trust's advice to put a box over it and then slide a piece of cardboard underneath. When the cardboard reached the bat it made a surprising amount of noise! She then waited until sunset and put the box outside as high as she could, and then gradually pulled the cardboard away. When she returned a little while later, the bat had gone.

If this isn't helpful, contact the Bat Conservation Trust at [www.bats.org.uk](http://www.bats.org.uk) or 'phone their helpline 0845 1300 228.