SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: MILTOWN, SHINRONE

SITE CODE: 002065

This bat site is located in an old stone farm building at Miltown Park, Shinrone, Co. Offaly. Although it has been recorded as a winter site for Natterer's Bat (*Myotis nattereri*), the only record of bats at the site was made in the month of May in 1989, which would suggest that the site is more likely to be a summer roost. The colony is estimated to number approximately 30 bats but is probably larger which would make it a nursery roost.

As the national population of Natterer's Bat is estimated to be only several thousand, this nursery roost is of national importance. The present owner is well disposed towards the bats.

Natterer's Bats are dependent on woodland so any changes to existing woodland around the town could adversely affect the colony by reducing the availability of suitable foraging grounds.

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