



Site Name: Ballycullinan, Old Domestic Building SAC

Site Code: 002246

This site consists of a derelict dwelling which is a Lesser Horseshoe Bat breeding site and a number of the surrounding fields. It is situated east of Ballycullinan Lough in Co. Clare.

The site is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) selected for the following habitats and/or species listed on Annex I / II of the E.U. Habitats Directive (* = priority; numbers in brackets are Natura 2000 codes):

[1303] Lesser Horseshoe Bat (<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>)

At Ballycullinan, Old Domestic Building SAC the bats roost in the roof space of the derelict building and gain access through a garrett window. The building was formerly thatched but is now covered with galvanised sheeting. The number of bats using the site has gradually increased and in June 1999 115 individuals were counted, making it a population of international importance.

A small area of Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) woodland and extensive hedgerows have been included in the site as they provide ideal foraging habitat for the bats.

There are no immediate threats facing the site.