

Ranging for Nature – community log

In September 2023 some of our volunteers led the 46th Aberdeen Scout group on a moth trapping session and bat walk around Westfield Park. We set the scouts to work painting sticky moth lure on trees and posts near the moth trap before setting off, detectors in hand, in search of bats. En route we talked about a bat's diet and lifestyle and their echolocation skills. The scouts also learnt about the amazing evolutionary tactics that moths have adapted in their attempt to evade predators – both visual camouflage and the more stealthy acoustic camouflage. The evening was rounded off with a very lively game of Roost!

The bats were a little shy on the night but we did catch a Square spot rustic and some Spruce carpets. A huge thank you to Kirsten and Shona for all their help.

