

BMERC Data Searches

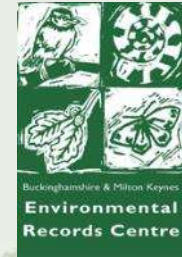


- Our new Data Searches service recently launched and offers the following major advantages:
 - A web-based client interface (self-service)
 - Spatial searches of sites, habitats and species records
 - Results returned within 24 hours, often within 2 hours
 - Improves BMERC productivity, has freed staff time for essential work which was not being done.
 - Automated invoicing and includes collection of Fees
- The service is operated for BMERC by Cofnod.
- The service operates on their My LERC and Orca products (also being used by Leics & Rutland ERC)



Distance	Species Name	Grid Reference	Site Name	Date	Abundance	Comments
395m	Daubenton's Bat (Myotis daubentonii)	SP739333	Thornborough bridge	2 records, both in 2003	Present Adult	
395m	Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus sensu lato)	SP739333	Thornborough bridge	2 records, both in 2003	Present Adult	
426m	Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus sensu lato)	SP737330	Padbury Road, Thornborough	31/05/2011	Present Adult	Record Type: Dung/Droppings/Frass/Pellet, etc.
426m	Brown Long-eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	SP737330	Padbury Road, Thornborough	31/05/2011	Present Adult	Record Type: Dung/Droppings/Frass/Pellet, etc.
663m	Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus sensu lato)	SP744336	Thornborough, The Green	16/05/2010	Present Adult	Record Type: Dung/Droppings/Frass/Pellet, etc.
663m	Brown Long-eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	SP744336	Thornborough, The Green	16/05/2010	Present Adult	Record Type: Dung/Droppings/Frass/Pellet, etc.
779m	Pipistrelle (Pipistrellus pipistrellus sensu lato)	SP747335	Thornborough	2 records, both on 24/03/2011	Present Adult	Record Type: Dung/Droppings/Frass/Pellet, etc. Sample Type: Bat detector
779m	Brown Long-eared Bat (Plecotus auritus)	SP747335	Thornborough	2 records, both on	Present Adult	Record Type: Dung/Droppings/Frass/Pellet, etc.

Major considerations



- Buy or make?
- Run internally or externally?
- Service or Technical solution?
- BMERC is hosted by a Local Authority, so many procurement hurdles to clear.
- We had to specify in detail the service we wanted and we included invoicing and collection of client fees in the scope
- Charges based on
 - Annual Service Charge (to cover the base running cost)
 - per Transaction Charge (so the overall charges as based on volumes, fair to both sides)
 - *Ad hoc* Charge (for any specific work or development we may want to commission)