



**SPOOKTACULAR
BAT-TASTIC
HALLOWEEN!**



Welcome

WELCOME TO OUR HALLOWEEN-THEMED FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN FOR BATS WITHOUT BORDERS!

This pack will provide you with information, ideas, and resources to help you host an event and raise funds to support bat conservation.

Bats are vital for maintaining healthy ecosystems as pollinators, seed dispersers, and insect controllers. Your efforts will help protect these amazing creatures.

Bats without Borders is dedicated to the conservation of bat species across southern Africa. We will achieve this by applied research that informs conservation action, strengthening local capacity, and promoting a positive attitude towards bats.





How you can help

Your fundraising efforts will help support applied research, conservation action, and education programmes, such as:

- Providing training to help new bat groups develop across southern Africa
- Setting up a fruit bat monitoring programme
- Supporting early career researchers and conservationists at the start of their careers to develop skills and confidence in conservation

Embrace the spooky season by hosting a Halloween-themed event to raise funds for Bats without Borders. Here are some event ideas and steps to get you started:

Event ideas

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Host a fancy dress Halloween party. Charge an entry fee or suggest a donation amount. You could include activities like a costume contest, games (like guessing the number of sweets in a jar), and a dance floor with Halloween music.



MOVIE NIGHT

Why not invite some friends or family around for a spooky movie and ask for a donation?





BACK A BAT!

Out of a hat, choose a number between 1 and 28 and keep it safe. In return for a small donation, ask people to choose a bat and record their name and contact details. Once all of your bats are gone, announce the winner! The winner receives a percentage of the collection or a prize and the remaining collection is donated to Bats without Borders.



BAT-THEMED BAKE SALE

Bake (and ask others to do the same) and sell bat-shaped cookies, cupcakes, and other Halloween-themed treats. Set up a table at a local community centre, school, or office. You could provide information about bats and their importance to encourage donations.



PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Organise a pumpkin carving contest with a bat theme. Charge an entry fee for participants. Offer prizes for the best bat-themed pumpkin carvings.



BAT WALK OR NIGHT HIKE

Organise a guided night walk or hike to observe bats in their natural habitat. Partner with a local bat expert or wildlife organisation. Ask for donations to join the walk.





COCKTAIL MAKING

Invite friends or family to your house (or another venue, including your local pub) for a cocktail. You can either charge per cocktail, ask for donations or ask your local pub to collect a small donation for each drink they sell - think Margarita or Bloody Mary!



Fundraising tips



SET A GOAL

Set a fundraising goal to motivate yourself and your participants. Share your goal with potential donors to encourage them to help you reach it.

ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

Involve local businesses by asking for sponsorships or donations. Partner with schools, community centres, and local clubs to spread the word and get others involved.

THANK YOUR DONORS

Show appreciation to everyone who donates or participates. Send thank-you notes, shout-outs on social media, and share the impact of their contributions.





Paying in funds raised... is as easy as pumpkin pie!

Setting up a fundraising page couldn't be easier. We're set up as a charity on 'Give as you live' so you can set up your fundraising page and it will link straight to Bats without Borders. You'll be able to share your page through your social media accounts, letting everyone know what you're up to and start collecting those donations.

If you're collecting cash donations on the day, you can then pay the money into your account and make a direct donation to Bats without Borders - either via 'Give as you live' or by making a bank transfer, whichever you prefer.

Account name: **Bats without Borders**

Bank name: **The Cooperative Bank Plc**

Sort code: **089299**

Account number: **65691001**

International Banking Code (IBAN): **GB88 CPBK 08929965 691001**

Swift/Bank ID Code: **CPBK GB22**

Please use your name or organisation as the reference so we can trace the money to you and say thank you.

If you need any help at all with setting up a fundraising page or making a donation please get in touch we'll be there to help you all the way.

Once we receive your donation, we'll send you a **Bat Hero certificate** to proudly show to everyone who contributed to your event!





GIFT AID

If you're fundraising in the UK and your donors are UK taxpayers, HMRC will give us an extra 25p for every £1 raised. That is a lot of pennies! Remind your donors to tick the Gift Aid box when making a donation on the online fundraising page.

WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP WITH PROMOTION!

If you are hosting an open event, you could also post an ad on a community notice board or let the local press know.

We're always happy to help get your event promoted or have a shoutout afterwards!

We'd love photos and / or videos of your activities. Please share them far and wide, tag us in them or email them to us.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM FOR BAT CONSERVATION.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS HALLOWEEN!**



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