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PROJECT PINE MARTEN: UPDATE 2020

Message: The translocation of pine martens in 2020 has been postponed.

The translocation of pine martens to the Forest of Dean and Lower Wye Valley has been postponed this year. Following a successful year for the pine martens translocated in 2019, we had planned a further translocation in Autumn 2020. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, much of the work that had been planned for project pine marten in 2020 has been delayed. We have been unable to work with volunteers during this time which has reduced our capacity. Furthermore, we have been unable to complete the precautionary mitigation work at important bat roosts, to minimise any risk of disturbance to roosting bats. This work has been rescheduled to be completed by April 2021.

The success of the translocation is dependent on good preparation, staff time and having appropriate measures in place. We have been unable to meet these criteria, and as a result we have made the decision to delay any further pine marten translocations until 2021. During the interim period we will continue to monitor the current and expanding pine marten population in Gloucestershire and provide more opportunities for local communities to engage with the project. We also hope to continue developing our long-term pine marten monitoring programme, working with local partners and Wildlife Trusts.



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