



## GCER Services - Pricing Update (Effective April 2026)

GCER is updating the way our services are priced from April 2026. Due to increasing operational costs, searches will now be priced based partly on search radius as well as topic. This change will help ensure GCER remains sustainable and that our pricing is more comparable with neighbouring Local Environmental Records Centres.

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### Standard searches

A standard search will consist of statutory and non-statutory sites (all sites) plus **one** subject from the list below:

- Notable and protected species (last 10 years)
- Notable and protected species (extended to last 25 years)
- Bats (last 25 years)
- Invasive non-native species (last 10 yrs)
- Roof-nesting bird species (last 10 yrs)
- Priority Habitats map
- EIA form completed

New pricing structure (excluding VAT):

Search Radius*	Standard search (All Sites plus one subject from the list)	Additional subjects, each	Bats only	Multiple searches discount -25% off additional searches submitted at same time
Up to 1km	£155	£20	£90	£117 (£15)
Up to 2km	£175	£25	£95	£132 (£19)
Up to 3km	£225	£30	£120	£169 (£23)
Up to 5km	£295	£40	£135	£222 (£30)

\* includes both 'point' searches and a radius around a polygon central site

There are further add-ons that you can apply to tailor your search if the standard search doesn't cover everything you need, you'd like to include older records or if you only need to know about one or two species groups – see below.

### New savings

A 1km search for notable and protected species and statutory and non-statutory wildlife sites will remain at the 2025 price of £155 +vat and a bats-only search for 1km has decreased to £90 +VAT, a saving of £2 per search.

A discount of 25% for additional searches will be applied when jobs are submitted at the same time. It is the responsibility of the company submitting the searches to ensure they are submitted together as we cannot offer a discount for searches requested at different times.

### **New increases and add-ons**

If you wish to add an **invasive non-native species** search to a standard 1km search, then it will cost an additional £20 +vat. If you wish to include an **extended bat search at 2km** that will cost an additional £25 +vat (additional search cost for that search radius). Therefore, a 1km search of notable and protected species with invasive non-native species and a bat search extended to 2km will cost in total £200. A standard 2km search of notable and protected species and all wildlife sites will cost £175 +vat. If you just require a bat search and no wildlife sites, the price is listed in the table above.

### **Wider searches, commercial projects, website design and advanced GIS work**

Standard commercial day rate for data collation, basic web content, multiple searches, data conversion and provision: £425 (inflationary increase from 2025)

Advanced commercial day rate for spatial analysis, ecological modelling, interactive web design, bespoke coding and advanced report creation: £495 (unchanged from 2025)

### **Add-ons, duplicate reports, copies and other small tasks**

Administration fee for smaller or 'add-on' items of work: maximum £50

THESE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE VAT, WHICH IN MOST CASES WILL NEED TO BE ADDED.

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### **Processing and fast-tracking**

A quote will be sent out and permission to proceed gained before a search is completed. Quotes are sent out on a Friday afternoon, any searches submitted after 1pm on a Friday will not be acted on until the following Friday. Once the quote is agreed all searches will be completed within 5 working days.

If you require a search urgently, please email GCER to enquire about our capacity and if we can accommodate your request. We do not charge extra for quick responses as we cannot guarantee them but will always try to accommodate your requests when capacity allows.

Searches where no data is found will continue to attract no search fee charge unless a standard report is still requested, in which case the maximum fee will be £50 + VAT.

### **Future changes**

We are testing a new pricing structure and may update it again next year based on how well it covers our costs, and our customers' needs, this year. If you are a regular user of our data searches we would welcome your feedback.