

# Batgirl Lives

A hotel receptionist near Norwich, England recently received an unwelcome surprise while she was on the job:

*Abbie Hawkins, a hotel receptionist, thought her mobile phone was ringing when she felt vibrations coming from her clothes.*

*But she later discovered the tiny creature tucked away in the padded pocket of her underwear.*

*As staff and colleagues crowded around, Miss Hawkins, 19, produced the frightened bat, which was the size of her hand.*

*She said: "Once I realised it was a bat I was shocked, but then I felt quite sorry for it really.*

*"It looked very snug in there and I thought how mean I was for disturbing it."*

*Miss Hawkins said she got dressed at 7.30am and arrived for work at the Holiday Inn Norwich North, near Norwich International Airport without noticing anything unusual.*

*"When I was driving to work I felt a slight vibration but I thought it was just my mobile phone in my jacket pocket," she said.*

*It was not until her lunch break, at midday when she felt a strange movement inside her bra, which had been hanging on her washing line the previous night.*

*"I plucked up the courage to investigate and I pulled out a little baby bat. I just lost my breath when I saw it and I did not know what it was at first," she said.*

*The teenager's general manager freed the bat in the hotel garden.*

*"I keep thinking how could I have not known it was there?"*

*Miss Hawkins said. "I will certainly be checking my bras every morning from now on."*

*Jaime Eastham, of the Bat Conservation Trust, said they had never heard of a bat being found in a bra before.*

*But she said the animals roost anywhere that appears dark and safe.*

☒ The only thing I can say is that I am happy for her that it did not decide to have a nibble (sorry). And why would she have thought that the vibration from her cell phone would cause her to think that it would cause her to adjust herself.